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ITALIAN SUCCESSES CLAIMED

NEW ADVANCE IMMINENT ON NORTHERN FRONT

"INITIATIVE STILL WITH ITALY"

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Rome, To-day.

Official War Bulletin No. 83, issued yesterday by the Ministry of Propaganda, states that an Eritrean detachment reached Marien district in the Tembien region on Sunday and established connection with the troops which were victorious in the battle of Addi Abbi on December 22.

In the course of encounters with Italian scouting patrols during this operation the enemy, declares the report, suffered severe losses. The Italian losses are given as 24 white soldiers killed and 12 wounded, with 8 native soldiers killed and 2 wounded.

On the Somali front, continues the bulletin, the Sultan Shavei, who had made submission to the Italian forces, carried out a reconnaissance, in the course of which his forces defeated strong enemy detachments. During this operation the Sultan was "brilliantly supported by our air force."

Addis Ababa: The Abyssinian positions at Daggahbur were bombed for eight hours yesterday by four Italian planes.—Trans-Ocean Service.

OBITUARY

FIRST MARQUESS OF READING

From Ship's Boy To Viceroy

London, To-day.

The death has occurred of Rufus Daniel Isaacs, first Marquess of Reading. — Reuter.

"At dawn one morning during the latter half of the nineteenth century, a ship was approaching the mouth of the Hooghly. At her masthead a ship's boy started forward expectantly with the eager curiosity of youth. At length a dull smudge appeared upon the horizon; it was land, the first land the ship had sighted for many long days. The land was India, and the boy's name was Rufus Isaacs. He was not to approach that land again until he reached it once more as its Viceroy. Between these two glimpses of India lies the romance of Rufus Isaacs' life."

Rufus Isaacs, who was born in 1860, made three false starts in life before he found his true vocation. Nor did he, at school, (Continued on Page 12)

MILITARY FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

Governor To Attend

The funeral of Colonel A. B. Hearle, D.S.O., Royal Engineers, who was found dead in his flat yesterday, will take place this afternoon. The cortege will assemble at the China Fleet Club at 2.30 p.m. and will leave for the Protestant Cemetery at Happy Valley at 2.45 p.m. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, will attend.

A firing party, consisting of one sergeant, one bombardier and 12 gunners, will be supplied by the 12th Heavy Battery and the band and drums of the East Lancashire Regiment will play appropriate music.

VETERAN OF GREAT WAR PASSES

San Francisco, To-day. — The death has occurred of Lieutenant-General Hunter Liggett, commander of the First American Army Corps in France during the Great War.—Reuter.

Rome: A communique claims that heavy losses were inflicted on the Abyssinians in operations with an Eritrean column, who, linking up with another column in the Tembien zone, inflicted a severe defeat on the enemy. The Italian losses were 52 killed.

FRESH ADVANCE IMMINENT

Inferences that a fresh Italian advance is imminent on the northern front are derived from Signor Mussolini's speech to the Cabinet yesterday morning. The Duce's references to the great task of organising the communications necessitated by the movement of hundreds of thousands of troops dispelled any feeling of impatience that may have arisen owing to the slow progress of the Italian advance.

A correspondent writing to the *Gazzetta d'Italia* denies that the Italian advance has been held up, either as a result of events in Europe or because of Ethiopian resistance. He adds that the initiative remains entirely in Italian hands.—Reuter. (Continued on Page 12)

NEXT OLYMPIC GAMES

WORLD INTEREST SHOWN

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Hamburg, To-day.

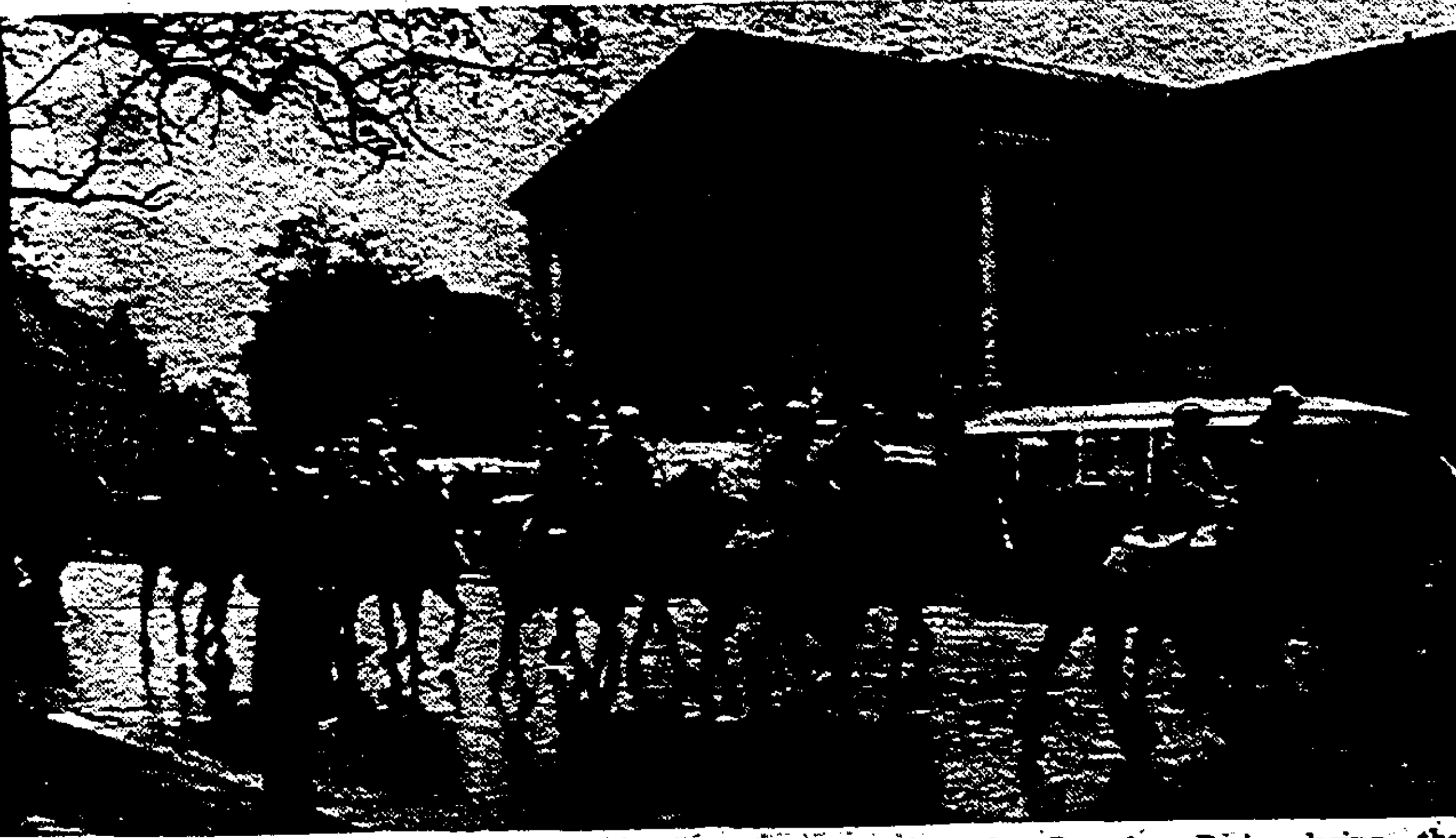
The unusual interest shown abroad at next year's Olympic Games, to be held in Berlin, is evidenced by the press reports published here yesterday, which state that the passenger accommodation of the steamers plying between Hamburg and foreign ports has been almost sold out until August 1936. — Trans-Ocean Service.

GERMAN-BRITISH YOUTH CAMP OPENED

Munich, To-day. — The 15th German-British youth camp, attended by 20 British guests and members of the various German youth organisations, has been opened in the Bavarian Alps at Berchtesgaden, near Berchtesgaden.—Trans-Ocean Service.

ROSSLYN PARK BEATEN

London, To-day. — In the only Rugby Union game played yesterday the Fettesian Lions beat Rosslyn Park by 14 points to 3.—Reuter.



Cavalry of the Republican Guard photographed outside the Chamber the Deputies, Paris, during the recent political crisis.

STUDENTS IN CAIRO STILL APPEAR RESTIVE

Cairo, To-day.

The Universities and schools have reopened, after being closed since November 14 owing to the part taken by students in the riots.

The students showed themselves to be restive and demonstrated for some time outside before entering. They continued their demonstrations inside various faculties, despite the advice of Hasan Pasha, leader of the Wafd, to resume their studies quietly.

The present grievance is agitation for an amnesty to be granted to the student leaders who are under arrest. — Reuter.

SOVIET BORDER CLOSED

Suspected Plague In Manchukuo

Moscow, To-day.

It is officially announced that the frontier between the U.S.S.R. and Manchukuo is being temporarily closed along the River Amur between Khabarovsk and Pashkovo, and that passage through Blagoveshensk is being suspended.

It is explained that the step is a measure of sanitary precaution owing to cases of suspected plague in Manchukuo territory adjoining the Soviet border.—Reuter.

U.S. SILVER POLICY

Proposed Arrangement With Mexico

Washington, To-day.

With reference to the visit of Senator Eduardo Suarez, an official of the Mexican Ministry of Finance, it is believed that there is a possibility that the Mexicans will propose that the United States Treasury should pay Mexico the U.S. domestic price for newly-mined silver, in return for certain tariff concessions. — Reuter.

TIGER LYING LOW

Although some unofficial reports have come through regarding the activities of the tiger — one is to the effect that it had been seen in Letchford Road — enquiries from Mr. W. P. Thompson, A.S.P. New Territories, this morning brought forth the reply that "nothing new had been heard about it."

POLITICS IN FRANCE

"Fighting League" To Be Dissolved

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

A bill empowering the Government to dissolve the "fighting leagues" was definitely adopted by the Senate yesterday afternoon, with the amendments approved by the Chamber.

The Chamber passed the second reading of the budget yesterday with some slight modifications, by 400 votes to 170. The budget will now be referred back to the Senate and is expected to be carried through the final stages without further trouble.—Trans-Ocean Service.

DUCHESS OF YORK

Attack Of Influenzal Pneumonia

London, To-day.

The fact that the Duchess of York has been suffering from influenza pneumonia is announced by a statement signed by Sir John Weir and Lord Dawson and issued from the Duke of York's residence.

This is the first intimation that the Duchess has had influenza pneumonia, though it was announced on December 19 that she would be confined to her bed for a few days owing to influenza. Yesterday's bulletin adds that the illness is now resolving, indicating that it has followed a normal course and is now in the final stages.—Reuter.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

"The China Mail" takes this opportunity of wishing all its readers a happy New Year.

EARTHQUAKE IN GERMANY

Only Minor Damage Reported

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day.

The two earthquake shocks which were felt in various parts of south-western Germany yesterday, especially in the Upper Rhine valley between Karlsruhe and Basle as well as in Wurttemberg and the Palatinate, did not result in any accidents or serious damage. The shocks were most violent in the town of Pirmasens in the Palatinate, where the walls of some houses cracked, windows were smashed and furniture upset.

The epicentre of the earthquake is believed to have been located in the southern part of the Black Forest, which was also the cause of a similar disturbance last February.—Trans-Ocean Service.

MACDONALDS IN PARLIAMENT

Preparing For The By-Elections

OPPOSITION PROMISED

London, To-day.

It is likely that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, who is to be nominated by the National Government supporters for the Combined Scottish Universities when the by-election takes place to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Noel Skelton, will have four opponents — Mr. Clegg, Mr. Thomson and Professor Dewar Gibb, the nominee of the Scottish Nationalists. It is now reported in Glasgow that Dr. O. H. Mavor, well known as an author and playwright under the name of James Bridie, may stand as an Independent Conservative.

The Secretary for the Dominions, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, is meeting the executive of the Ross and Cromarty Liberal Association to-day in connection with the vacancy which will occur on Thursday, announced by the resignation of the sitting member, Mr. Ian Macpherson, takes effect.

Candidates representing the Labour Party and the Liberals who do not support the National Government are expected also to be nominated, and another report states that Mr. Randolph Churchill has been invited to stand as an Independent Conservative and has accepted.—British Wireless Service.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN BRITAIN

Decrease Reported

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Labour estimated at December 16 that there were approximately 10,599,000 insured persons, aged between 16 to 64, in employment in Great Britain. This was 62,000 more than on November 25, and 340,000 more than a year before.

The number of unemployed persons on the registers at the same date totalled 1,868,666, comprising 1,536,990 wholly unemployed, 206,574 temporarily laid off, and 77,001 nominally in casual employment.

This total was 49,977 less than on November 25, and 217,250 less than a year before.—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL ESTATE

Mr. Paul Webster Derby, late of No. 231 Prince Edward Road, who died on June 23, 1935, left local estate to the value of \$300. Letters of Administration have been granted to Mr. D. H. Blake.

OBVIOUS LULL AFTER RAPID ADVANCE

"ECONOMIC SIEGE" BEING COUNTERED IN ROME

EXPLOITATION OF ALL RESOURCES OF NATIONAL RESERVES

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Paris, To-day.

M. Laval had a conversation yesterday afternoon with the British Ambassador, Sir George Clerk. Nothing, however, has been announced as to the subject of the discussion.

A message from Rome states that the Cabinet Council which met yesterday, with Signor Mussolini presiding, approved the estimates for the budgetary year 1936-37, which was balanced at about 20 milliard lire, but does not include the expenditure for the East African campaign.

The Duce delivered a lengthy speech, in which he dealt with the recent developments in international policy as well as with the strategic situation in East Africa. According to an official communique Signor Mussolini reiterated that the Paris proposals fell far short of meeting the minimum Italian demands, especially as regards the security of frontiers and Italian settlers.

He added that the proposals had, however, been doomed to failure at the moment of their publication and long before the Fascist Grand Council had had an opportunity of examining them. The causes of this failure were to be sought beyond the Italian frontiers, a fact which was now being admitted by all fair-minded people.

Concerning the military situation in East Africa, the Duce stated that, on the Eritrean front, the Italian troops had been concentrated and consolidated in positions which at certain points were more than 100 miles distant from the old frontiers. This rapid advance, accomplished within the first 30 days, now necessitated extensive measures in order to organise and facilitate the work of bringing up reinforcements, which would mean the moving of more than 100,000 soldiers and workers. The speaker emphasised that a lull in operations was bound to occur at times in every war, especially in a colonial war, when it was (Continued on Page 12)

FLOODS SUBSIDE IN BRITAIN

Latest Report From Stricken Areas

London, To-day.

Reports from the flooded areas indicate some abatement of the rising water, due to the heavy rainfall of the last few days on top of the Christmas thaw.

The Thames, however, was carrying a greater volume of water yesterday, and rises were reported along its course from Lechlade down to Shepperton.

The rate of 5,800 million gallons in 24 hours still does not approach the high figures of 1929, the last big flood year.—British Wireless Service.

TYPHOON WARNING

Manila In Direct Path

A telegram received through the American Consulate-General from the Manila Observatory states that at 8.40 a.m. to-day the typhoon was situated in about Longitude 126 E., Latitude 10 N., moving west-north-west. The position is due east of Cebu, and Manila lies more or less in the direct path of the disturbance.

WEATHER REPORT

North-easterly winds, fresh, fair, is the forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

Annual Congregation Ceremony

SIR THOMAS SOUTHERN AND DR. EARLE HONOURED

The honouring of two distinguished persons of the Colony, the Hon. Sir William Thomas Southern, C.M.G., K.B.E., and Dr. E. G. Earle, formerly professor of surgery at the local University, will record another red-letter day in the annals of the University of Hong Kong at its 27th annual Congregation, which will take place at 5 p.m. on Monday, January 6.

Degrees of LL.D. *Honoris Causa* will be conferred on both gentlemen. His Excellency the Governor, Sir Andrew Caldecott, Kt., C.M.G., C.B.E., will confer the degrees.

Bachelor degrees of Arts, Science, Engineering, Medicine and Surgery will be conferred on 44 graduates. The function will open with light refreshments at 4 p.m. and the Congregation ceremony will begin promptly, an hour afterwards.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES
The Degree of Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery will be conferred upon the following successful graduates:—

Chung Hon-kan, Ho Suk, Khoo Keng-wah, Lau Yung-boon, Lo Chung-ke, Ng Yeok-kin, Leung Tin-sun, Isidoro Ofonso Elvino da Sousa, Wei Cheuk-sheng, Wong Shim-fong, Wu Hung-tak and George Young.

The Degree of Bachelor of Science in Engineering will be conferred on the following:—

Feng Tze-pei, Fong Ching-see, Nicolas Gorachenko, Ho Shui-lai, Lau Ping-king, Lee Zur-dan, (Continued on Page 12)

EXPORTABLE QUOTA FOR TIN UNCHANGED

London, To-day. — The International Tin Committee has decided that the exportable quota for the year beginning in April 1936 will remain unchanged at 82½ per cent.—Reuter.

MAIL SCHEDULES

AIR MAIL

Imperial Airways via Singapore
Bangkok-Amsterdam via Singapore
Saigon-Marseilles via Saigon
Singapore-Australia

Correspondence will be accepted for transmission by these services. Rates and all particulars are shown in the schedules exhibited at the Post Office. All letters etc. must be marked "By Air Mail" and be handed in at the Post Office.

HONG KONG GOVERNMENT
RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE

From the first day of December 1935 charges for telegrams will be collected at the rate of Dollar 0.95 to equal Gold Franc 1.00.

The Hong Government Radio Telegraph Service announces that from next Monday charges for telegrams will be collected at the rate of Dollar 1.05 to equal Gold Franc 1.00.

XLT Telegrams conveying Christmas and New Year Greetings will be accepted by the Government Radio Office for transmission via Radio during the period from 14th December 1935 to 6th January 1936, both dates inclusive.

(a) The charge for telegrams to places in China will be based on ONE FOURTH of the ordinary rate and to other places on ONE THIRD of the ordinary rate.

(b) The minimum charge for all places will be for ten words. Further particulars may be obtained on application to the Radio Office.

INWARD MAILS.

FROM EUROPE

Patroclus Jan. 6

FROM SHANGHAI

Pres. Doumer Dec. 31

Agamemnon Jan. 31

Emp. of Asia Jan. 2

Bhutan Jan. 3

Pres. Johnson Jan. 3

Haruna Maru Jan. 3

Pres. Cleveland Jan. 6

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Yasukuni Maru Dec. 31

Titan Dec. 31

Crescent Jan. 31

Barents Jan. 3

Patroclus Jan. 6

FROM U.S.A.

Emp. of Asia Jan. 2

Pres. Johnson Jan. 3

Pres. Cleveland Jan. 6

FROM JAPAN

Arabia Maru Jan. 1

Emp. of Asia Jan. 2

Haruna Maru Jan. 3

Pres. Johnson Jan. 3

Brisbane Maru Jan. 3

Pres. Cleveland Jan. 6

FROM MANILA

Taipei Jan. 2

Nelore Jan. 4

Tjalsak Jan. 5

FROM AUSTRALIA

Taipei Jan. 2

Nelore Jan. 4

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Pres. Doumer (via Orient Service) Dec. 31

Closes: Reg. 9 a.m. Ord. 9.30 a.m.

Agamemnon (via Marseilles) Jan. 31

Yasukuni Maru (via Siberia) Jan. 31

Arabia Maru (Imperial Service) Jan. 2

Haruna Maru (via Marseilles) Jan. 3

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Pres. Doumer Dec. 31

Agamemnon Jan. 31

Arabia Maru Jan. 2

Haruna Maru Jan. 3

FOR MANILA

Nankin Dec. 31

Emp. of Asia Jan. 2

Pres. Johnson Jan. 3

Gen. Pershing Jan. 3



THAT SUMMER TAN

Just A Faded Memory

NEW WINTER FASHIONS

Now that summer tan is just a memory, the early fall permanent wave season past and gone, and the social season glamorously launched, is a good idea to go over the list of beauty ideas that not only are new but correct and likely to be with us all winter.

First of all, we might as well agree that nail polish is brighter and, judging by the hands seen across fashionable hotel tables, the smarter the woman the brighter her polish. As a matter of fact, odd shades are creeping into the manicure picture. Corals, rusts, wines and even copper may not be here to stay, but they are popular at the moment. One manufacturer of nail polish suggests one colour over another, showing pale gold over rust, silver over coral, pale pink over scarlet and the like.

Brighter Lips

Lips are brighter, too, and, thank fortune, the trend is toward naturalness. Nowadays the best groomed women are picking lipsticks that enhance the tones of their own lips. Perfume manufacturers undoubtedly have decided to take to heart the problems of women with limited incomes. It is possible to get diminutive flacons of your favourite, quite expensive perfume. Attractive flacons, too, which are lovely on a dressing table.

Bobbed hair is not as short as formerly, giving a girl a chance to wear the ends curled up for daytime and longer, or even done up, for evening. Coiffure ornaments are seen in profusion. You can wear anything from tiny jewelled flowers to sweeping feathers and tiaras in your evening hairdress.

FOR SHANGHAI

Yasukuni Maru Dec. 31

Pres. Grant Jan. 3

FOR JAPAN

Yasukuni Maru Dec. 31

Pres. Grant Jan. 3

FOR AUSTRALIA

Nankin Dec. 31

Pres. Grant Jan. 3

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THE NEW BEAUTY BOON

Liquid Cosmetics
The Latest

A complete line of beauty preparations in liquid form is big beauty news this week. If you are one who dislikes to cleanse with cream and no matter how much your skin needs nourishing, simply refuse to go to bed looking greasy, these new items should be interesting.

The cleanser—milky looking and slightly perfumed—is made from light oils. You moisten a cotton pad, rub it on face and throat, turn it over, repeat and dry with tissues. Then pat with skin tonic.

The tonic itself really is as strong as an astringent. If you need something to close pores and tighten your skin, use it full strength. If you require only a mild tonic, soak the pad in ice water and wring it dry before you moisten with the liquid. This dilutes the preparation just enough.

Application of the nourishing lotion is the next step. If your skin is dry, leave it on all night. If oily, remove and pat again with tonic.

Follow the same routine in the morning, using tonic after nourishing lotion, then smoothing on the liquid foundation. This protects the skin from cold winds, makes powder stay on your nose and chin and can be used as a hand softener as well.

Liquid creams are handy for the traveller and a special boon to a busy woman. The business girl can keep a bottle of cleanser in her desk. An actress will find it especially good for removal of theatrical makeup.



Lounging pyjamas in the new approved mode are initiated. Here Claire Trevor, the screen actress, appears in a pair, tailored in heavy white satin and featuring two huge jet earring buttons with inset Rhinestone initials.

Paraffin Wax

It is always a good plan to keep a little paraffin wax in the house, as its uses are many and varied. Cocks can be waterproofed by dipping them in the melted wax, and bottles can be made air-tight by this means also. Jam-makers will find it valuable for painting over paper covers as a seal. Boiling wax applied to a wooden floor will sink in slightly and make polishing easy. It will also make paper and wooden articles able to resist cold water. If paraffin wax is mixed with boric acid in the proportion of one part wax to seven parts boric acid it will make an excellent powder for a ballroom floor.

ON REMOVING STAINS

Jam stains should be treated before the articles are washed or a faint stain is likely to remain permanently, particularly when the stains are from red-fruit jams. Cover the jam stains thickly with powdered starch and rub it in lightly. Leave for several hours and then brush off thoroughly. If the stains are hard the spot should be moistened slightly before applying the starch. Finally, wash the garments in the usual way and all trace of the stains will disappear.

Insomnia—The Result Of Nerve Weakness

Most people, at some time or another, have known what it is to lie awake at night tossing and turning, hoping for the sleep which does not come, with the result that by morning they are tired and irritable, and ill-fitted for the daily routine. It is unwise to allow such nights of broken rest to become too frequent.

Insomnia may be due to some persistent pain, such as neuralgia or rheumatism; or to insufficient physical exercise, worry, grief or over-activity of the brain. But usually its primary cause is nerve weakness, and in such cases a short course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills almost invariably is all that is required to set matters right.

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SOME COMPLEXION HINTS

"Improper shampooing ruins many a head of nice hair," says Betty Grable, attractive film star. "I think every woman, especially if she happens to have fine, blonde hair, ought to be particularly careful about shampoo soap, rinses and treatments before and after the weekly washings."

"Before she starts to use soap and water, I have my hairdresser brush and massage my scalp. Then she washes it once, rinses, washes again and rinses three times. A lemon rinse (the juice of two fresh lemons in warm water) is the next step, followed by another lavish rinsing with clear water. This, of course, happens once a week."

In addition to her sensible views on care of the hair, Miss Grable has some complexion tips. "She's another star who believes that a buttermilk mask treatment once a week is a fine idea."

Buttermilk

with equal parts of warm water," she said. "First I clean my skin. Then I pat on the buttermilk, letting one coat dry and applying another over it."

"When I have used nearly all of the liquid, I relax for thirty minutes. Afterward, I rinse all of it off, first with warm water, then with very cold, and apply a layer of rich cream which I leave on for five minutes. I remove the cream with soft tissues and am ready for makeup."

If you decide to use a buttermilk mask in your home, be sure to cleanse face and throat before you start and always to apply cream after the concoction has been rinsed off.

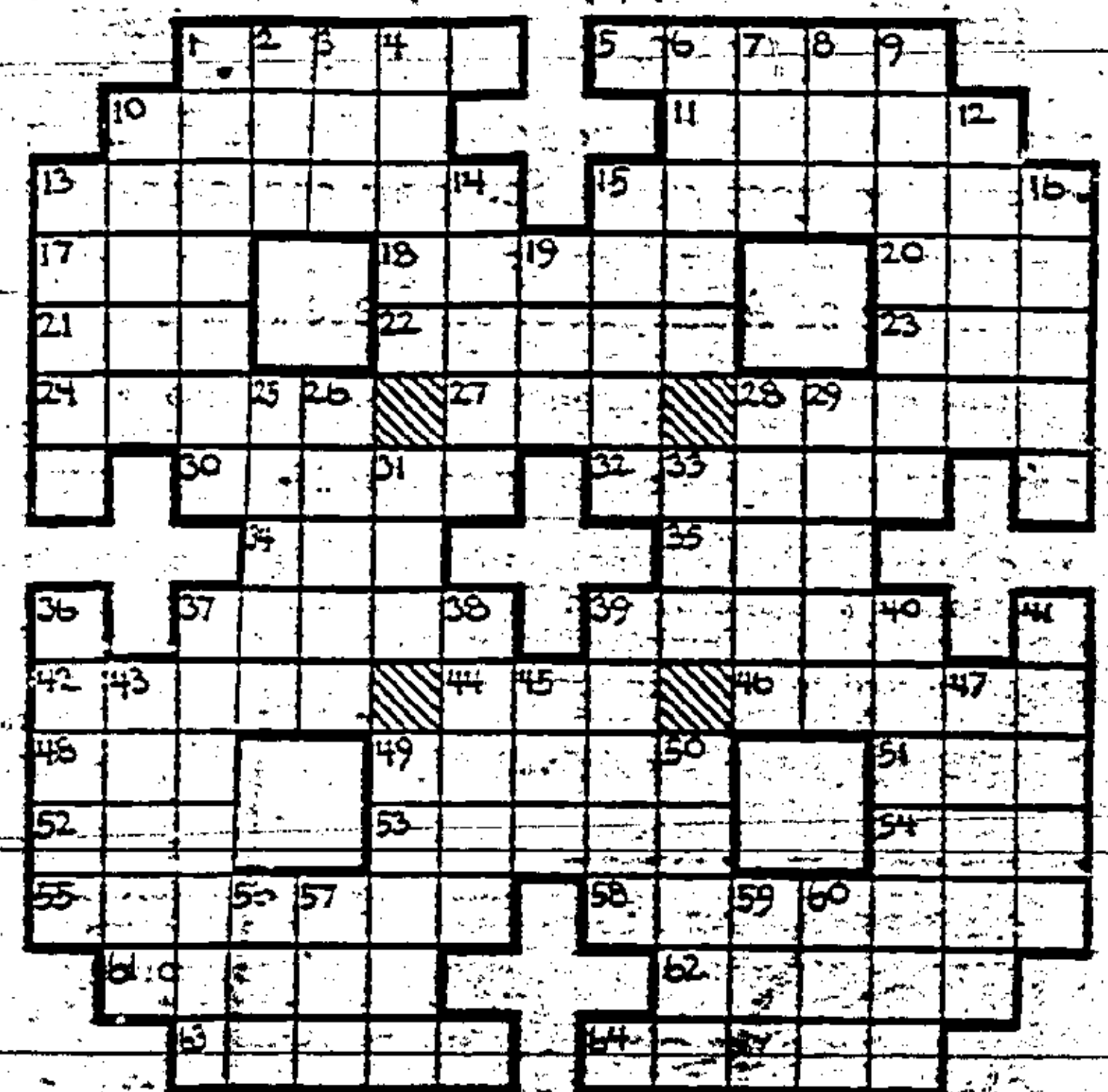
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



HORIZONTAL	HORIZONTAL (Cont.)	VERTICAL (Cont.)
1-Go down closely	48-Withers	13-Wither
2-Lavender	51-Foot-like organ	14-Cook in an oven
3-Male singing voice	52-Sag	15-A feather (Ornith.)
4-Relieve	53-Part of a flower	16-Clothe
5-Ready	54-A variety	17-Precede
6-Consider carefully	55-Soggy	18-Minimal drama
7-Knock	56-A salt lake in South Australia	19-A fruit
8-Grunk	57-Coolness	20-Started
9-Junebug	58-A fruit (pl.)	21-Weird
10-Preface upward	59-Acts	22-Scold
11-Gelatin	60-Tormentors	23-Deface
12-Anger		24-Creolier island in the Mediterranean
13-Spite		25-Vertical
14-Male descendant		26-Implement of war
15-A vegetable (pl.)		27-An insect
16-Water		28-Small child
17-Mohammedan governor		29-Creolier island in the Mediterranean
18-Noble guide's seat		30-Peaks
19-Agriculture (abbr.)		31-Organ of hearing
20-Tailless amphibious animal		32-A serpent
21-Characteristic		33-Containing more weeds
22-Mohammedan sacred scriptures		34-Minor companion of an English king
23-Sailor		35-Force air violently through nostrils
24-Approach		
25-Machete		

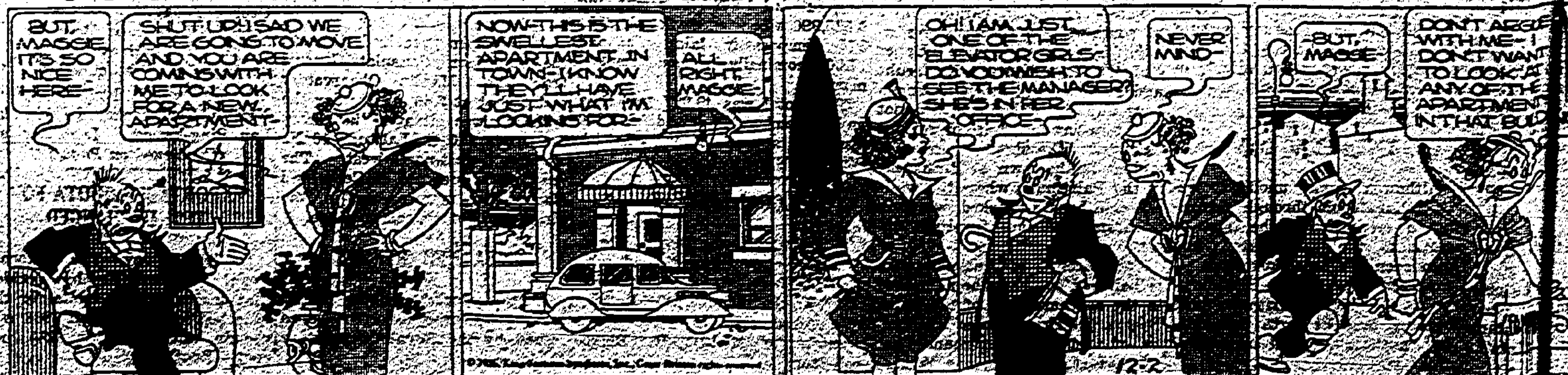
Selection of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Thursday's issue.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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RESTED	SLEEPERS	
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DOOMED	ELECTS	
MAE	ORE	
STUNTS	SPENDS	
ARC	ET	TOP
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1935 HIGHLIGHTS SEEN THROUGH THE EYE OF THE CAMERA



A recent portrait of Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, who will not forfeit his country's independence against Italian aggression.



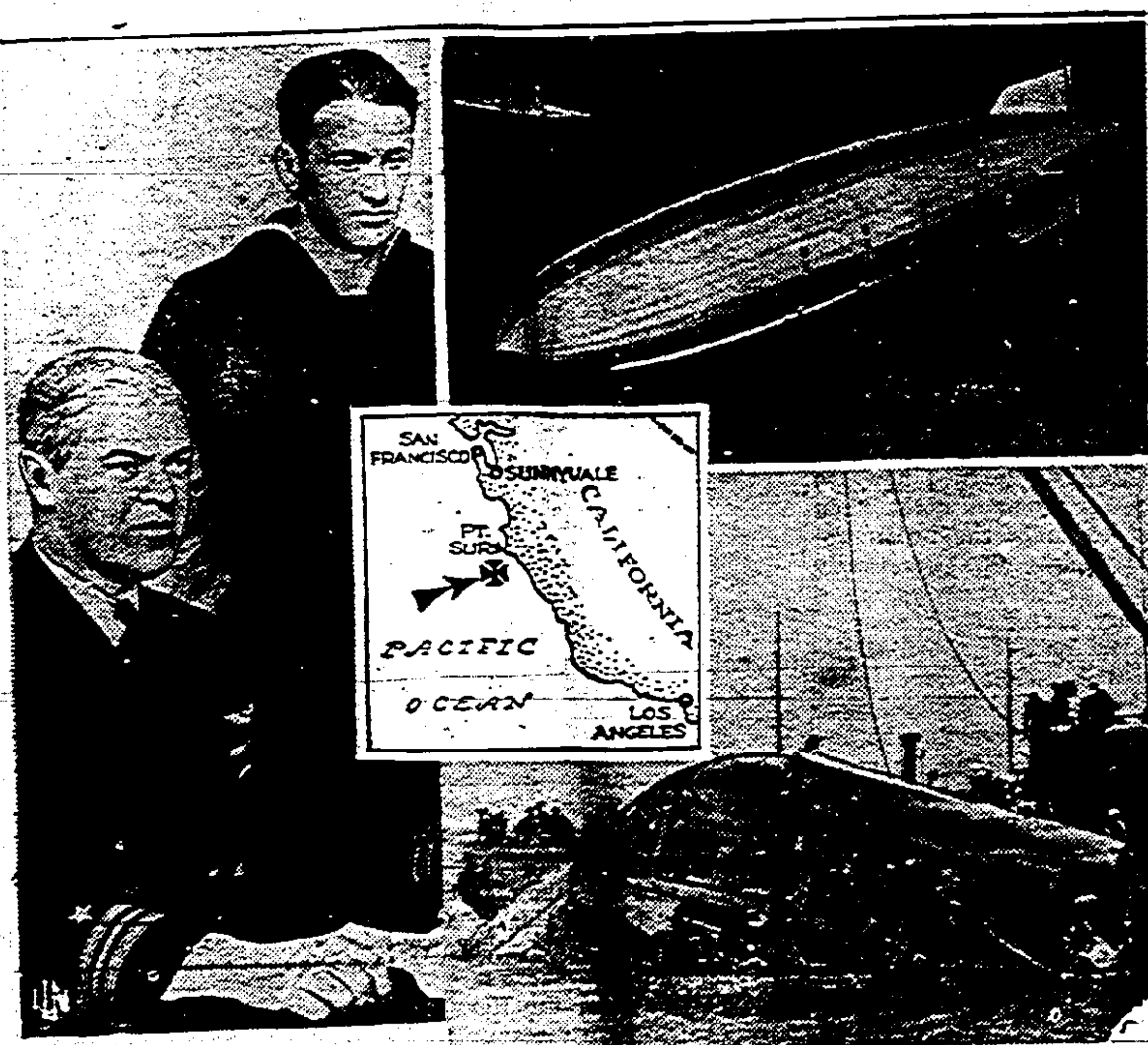
(Above)—A photograph of Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., former Governor of Hong Kong, and Lady Peel, photographed on board the R.M.S. Empress of Japan.



Sir Malcolm Campbell, Britain's Speed King, who set up a record of 301.337 miles per hour in his car 'Blue Bird' at Salt Lake City on September 3.



Senator Huey 'Kingfish' Long of Louisiana was assassinated in the corridor of the Municipal Building of New Orleans, which was built during his 'dictatorship,' on September 8.



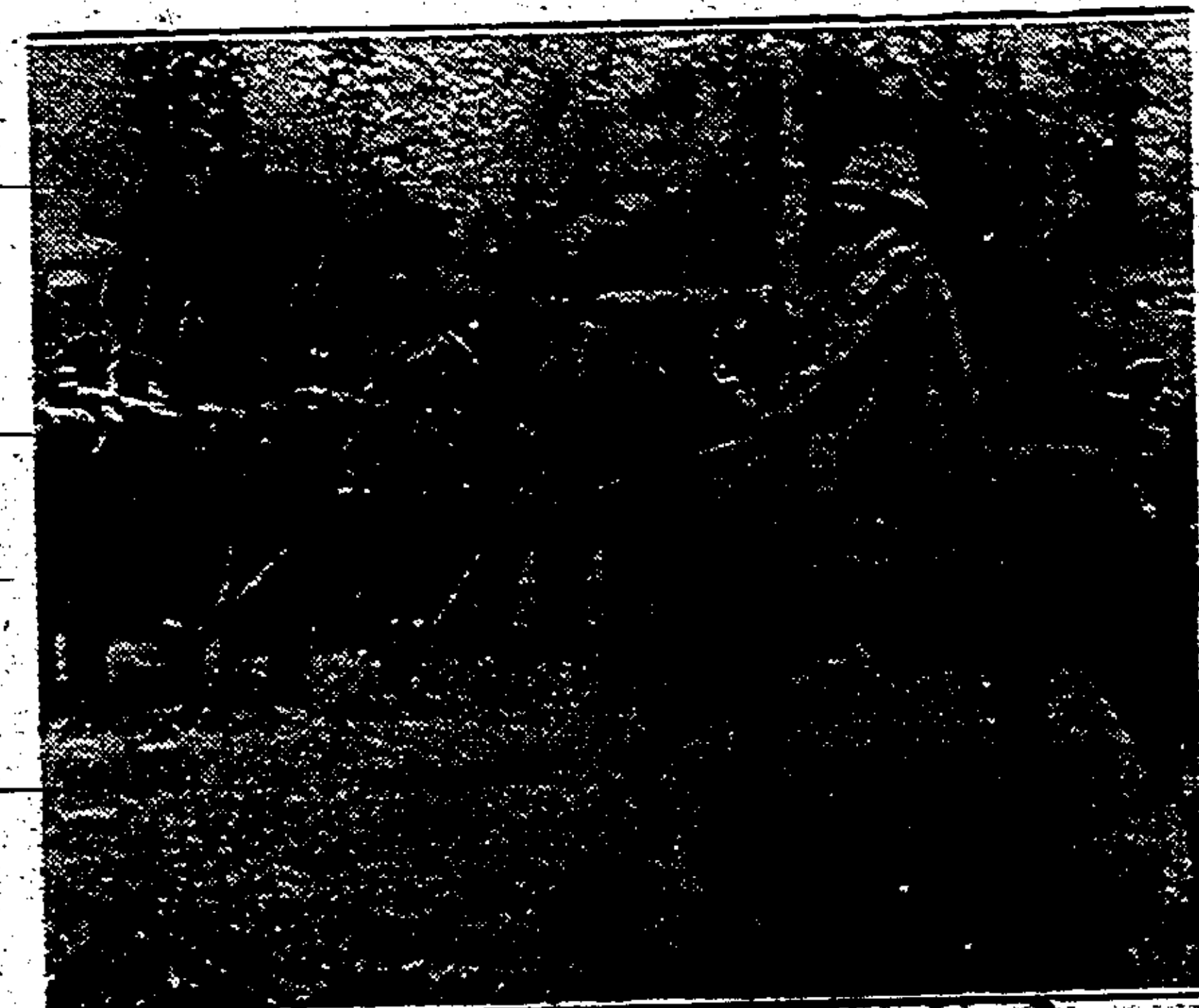
(Above)—The U.S. army airship Macon, and two survivors, after a fatal crash into the sea off the coast of California on February 13.



Lady Southern, wife of Sir Thomas Southern, K.B.E., C.M.G., the Colonial Secretary, who received the O.B.E. in the last New Year Honours.



His Imperial Majesty King George V, who celebrated the Silver Jubilee of his reign on May 6, and Her Majesty Queen Mary.



(Above)—His Majesty Haile Selassie, Emperor of Ethiopia, reviews his Imperial Guards.



Jean Batten, the young New Zealand aviator, heroine of a lone flight from Australia to England, who recently broke three records on her flight across the South Atlantic, from Dakar, French West Africa, to Natal, Brazil.

An Ethiopian woman General.



A group of typical Ethiopian warriors responding to their Emperor's call to arms against the invading Italians.



Bruno Richard Hauptmann, convicted of the kidnapping and murder of the infant heiress Edgelmund Bremer, whose death sentence has twice been signed by Judge Trenchard.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester acknowledging London's greeting from the balcony of Buckingham Palace, after their marriage on November 6.



The partially completed dam at Shing Mun, inaugurating the Jubilee Reservoir, which was opened by Sir Thomas Southern, C.M.G., K.B.E., the former Administrator of the Government, on September 2.



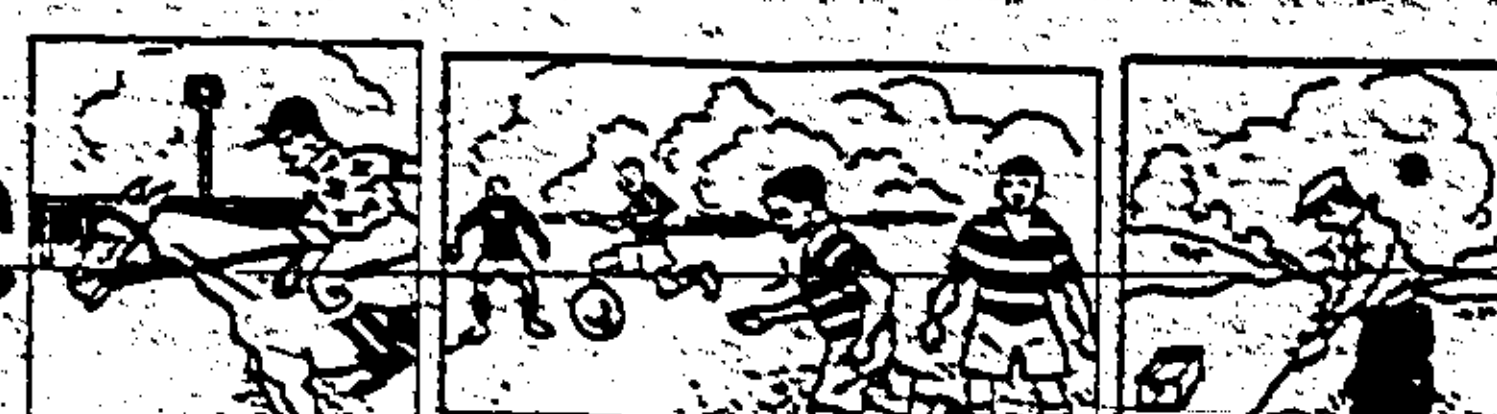
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, the famous black educator, leader of the National Association of Colored Women, and a member of the United States House of Representatives, who was elected to the House of Representatives in 1934.



Gordon Party at the Falls, when the Robert H. Hays celebrated the American Congressional party on their way to the Philippines Commonwealth inauguration. Mr. John H. Cramer, Vice-President of the United States, is seen with the Robert H. Hays, while Mr. Joseph W. Byrne, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is seen with Lady Hays.



Sporting Page



LINCOLNSHIRE REGT. HOCKEY TEAM BID FAREWELL TO COLONY

LADIES' INTERPORT XI

MRS. WHITE BEST LEADER COLONY HAS EVER HAD

MISS GRAY ADDS TO FINE RECORD

MISS M. SMITH AND MISS J. WONG IN AGAIN

(By "STICKS")

Born in Hong Kong, Mrs. MARGARET WHITE, the Central British Ladies' and Colony centre-forward, is one of the finest lady exponents of the game in the Colony. A clever player who distributes the ball well and who is deadly inside the circle, Mrs. White will probably constitute the main source of danger to the Shanghai team. She first took up hockey early in 1927, when she joined the Kowloon Ladies' hockey team as an inside-left. She remained with this team until early in 1930, when the St. Andrew's Ladies' Hockey Club was formed and played for them in the Caer Clark Cup series as a centre-for-



Miss S. Dalziel ("Y" Ladies) (Inside-right).

RECREIO TO MAKE CHANGE IN THEIR TEAM

Miss Silva-Netto To Play Again

C.B.A. LADIES MAY LOSE ON SAND PITCH

The Recreio Ladies, who lost to the Hong Kong Ladies by two goals (both scored in the second half) to nil in their Caer Clark Cup match last week, will be making one change in their team for their tournament match against the C.B.A. Ladies this week-end. The match will be played on the Police Training School ground, commencing at 3 p.m., and Miss L. Silva-Netto will be returning to the team to take the place of Miss E. Silva at left-half.

Best On Gravel

The Recreio Ladies have always produced their best form when playing on a gravel pitch so that it will not come as a surprise to see them taking the points from the C.B.A. Ladies, who play almost all of their games on grass.

Recreio: Miss Z. Barros; Miss C. Osmund and Miss C. Botelho; Miss E. Xavier, Miss M. Alves and Miss L. Silva-Netto; Miss B. Remedios, Miss C. Botelho, Miss C. Silva, Miss A. Alves and Miss M. Figueiro.

COLONY LEADER RESTING

Mrs. White Prepares For Interport

NOT PLAYING FOR C.B.A. ON THURSDAY

Mrs. M. White, the C.B.A. Ladies' leader, has decided to have a rest from hockey and will turn out for them in only Caer Clark Cup fixtures.

Her decision is probably due to an intention to keep as fit as possible for the Interport against Shanghai next month.

Consequently she will not play in the friendly match against the St. Andrew's Ladies' next Thursday. The vacancy will be filled by Miss P. Whitley, although it has not yet been decided whether the forward line formation will remain the same or not.

If Miss Whitley plays on Thursday this will be her first match since her return from leave.

Born at Oxford, MISS E. GRAY, the Interport and H.K. Ladies' right-back, has a very distinguished hockey record. She first played for Upton School, Oxford, in 1917 and 1918, during which period she captained the school eleven.

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NEW ARMY HOCKEY SECRETARY

Lieut. J. P. Williams, 2nd Bn. The East Lancashire Regiment, assumes the duties of Hon. Secretary, Army Hockey, with effect from to-morrow, vice Major R. C. S. Bates relieved.

LIEUT. HOCQUARD SECURES COUNTY RECOGNITION

BATTALION'S HOCKEY REALLY FOUNDED IN HONG KONG

"BEST TRADITIONS OF GAME UPHELD"

(By "STICKS")

"WE'VE done fairly well, I think. We've had a lot of people in the Army and various other representative teams, and I would like to extend our thanks, through the medium of the 'China Mail,' to the different Clubs and teams who have been so good to us during our stay here," said Lieut. K. E. Cotter, Officer-in-charge of hockey, 1st Bn., The Lincolnshire Regiment, which is leaving the Colony on Saturday, January 4, 1936, on H.M. troopship Neuralia.

Lt. Cotter will not be proceeding to India with his Regiment, but is taking up a course at Home. When the Regiment arrives in India Capt. Boxer will take over the duties of hockey Officer. Since their arrival in the Colony in November 1932, the Lincolns have taken a very active part in the hockey life of the Colony and have always played hockey according to the best traditions of the game. They have an excellent team and almost all the hockey Clubs here will have very pleasant memories of the matches played against them.

Members of the team voiced their regret at not being able to pay Macao another visit before leaving the Colony for, although they have never beaten the team from the Portuguese colony, they held them to an odd goal decision when they went to Macao last year. It is perhaps not generally known that the Lincolns were the only team to beat the Malayan hockey eleven when they visited the Colony two years ago.

MRS. HARROP MANAGER OF INTERPORT TEAM

Mrs. P. M. Harrop, Hon. Secretary of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Association has been invited to accompany the Interport team to Shanghai next month, and has accepted.

MISS SMALLEY FOR SHANGHAI?

May Be Able To Obtain Leave

PLAYED FOR BEDFORD LADIES AT HOME

There is a faint possibility after all that Miss Joan Smalley, the Hong Kong Ladies' left-back, may be able to travel with the Hong Kong Ladies' Interport hockey team to Shanghai, but it all depends on whether she can obtain a relief for her work in the office.

Miss Smalley played, or rather learned, the game while in Crescent Hill School, Bedford, and captained the School eleven during 1926 and 1927. She later joined the Bedford Ladies Hockey Club and played at left-back for them against Gerton College, Cambridge.



Miss J. Wong (St. Andrew's Ladies) (Right-half).

She came to the Colony in 1929 and has played for the first eleven in the left-back position ever since, with the exception of the 1933-34 season, when she was Home on leave.

MISS FOWLER'S FINE HOCKEY RECORD

Has Played For "Rest" Since 1930

One of the finest full-backs in the Colony, MISS A. FOWLER, the "Y" Ladies' and Interport left-back, first played hockey while she was attending the Central British School. On leaving she joined the K.B.S.F.P.A. (later known as the C.B.A.) in 1923. She was elected vice-captain for the season 1931-2 and captain for the latter part of that season. Miss

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Miss M. Smith (C.B.A. Ladies) (Right-wing).

INTERPORT TEAM

MRS. LUNSON (H.K.)

MISS E. M. GRAY (H.K.)

MISS A. FOWLER ("Y")

MISS J. WONG (ST. ANDREW'S)

MISS E. M. BRYSON (C.B.A.)

MRS. M. BELL (H.K.)

MISS M. SMITH (C.B.A.)

MISS S. DALZIEL ("Y")

MRS. M. WHITE (C.B.A.)

MISS J. ADEY ("Y")

MISS M. WESTCOTT ("Y")

RESERVES: MISS J. SMALLEY (H.K.) (Back);

MISS I. WOOLLEY (C.B.A.) (Goal);

MISS P. GITTINS (ST. ANDREW'S) (Forward)

H.K.S.R.A. ARE TOO GOOD FOR THE ENGINEERS

Fast Game On The Marina Ground

NO SCORE IN FIRST HALF

In a very fast and evenly contested friendly hockey match on the Marina ground yesterday evening the H.K.S.R.A. beat the Royal Engineers by two goals to nil after a post-match first half.

Although the Brigade were the better team, the Engineers were by no means outplayed. Far from

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LADIES' INTERPORT XI

MISS BRYSON HAS VERY FINE HOCKEY RECORD

Mrs. Lunson Secures "County Cap"

MISS S. DALZIEL MUCH IMPROVED PLAYER

(By "STICKS")

MISS M. BRYSON'S earliest recollections of hockey were at a private school in Corleston-on-Sea, England, where she was chosen to play in goal for the first eleven. After her arrival in the Colony two years later, she attended the Kowloon British School (now Central British) and was elected captain of the girls' section. She continued playing, principally at left-back, until she left to pursue her studies at the Continental Girls' School, where Little hockey was played. In London, when attached to Kensington College, she again took an active part in the game, and amongst the



Mrs. M. White (C.B.A. Ladies) (Centre-forward).

MISS ADEY RESERVE FOR HERTFORDSHIRE

Most Constructive Player To-day

LEAVING COLONY IN MARCH NEXT YEAR

Miss Joyce Adey, the Colony inside-left and "Y" Ladies' centre forward who was born in Hertfordshire, is a comparative newcomer to the Colony and one of the most popular members in ladies' hockey circles.

She commenced her hockey career in 1928 at Easingham House School as a left-wing, left-half and goalkeeper.

In 1933 and 1934 she played for the Henley Ladies' Hockey Club at left-half and later at centre-forward, and last year was a reserve half-backing the Hertfordshire Ladies' County team.

One of the fastest forwards in the Colony at present, she is also by far the most constructive in her play and deadly within the circle.

She is on a brief visit to the Colony and will leave for England again in March next year, much to the regret of her many new-found friends in the Colony and particularly her colleagues in the "Y" Ladies' team.

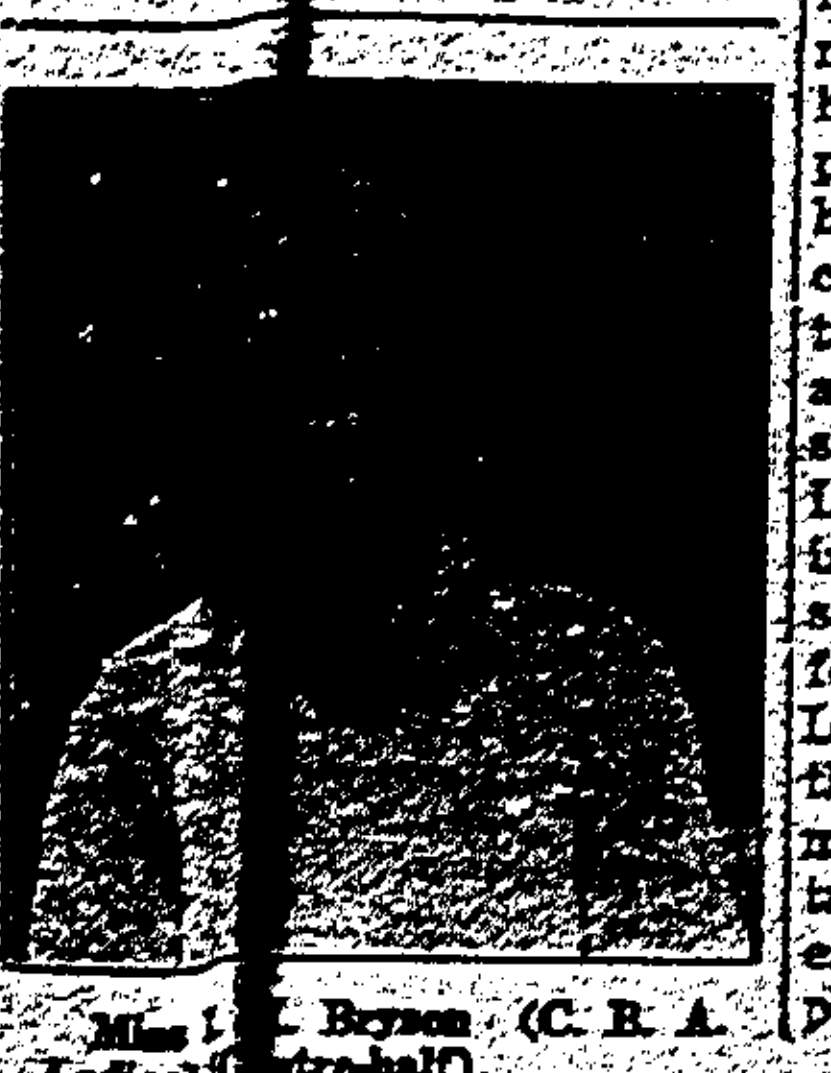
HOCKEY TREAT ON SATURDAY

H.K.S.R.A. TO MEET MACAO

Local hockey enthusiasts will be treated to some excellent hockey next Saturday when the H.K.S.R.A. meet the Macao Hockey Club in a return encounter on the Marina ground at 4 p.m.

The Macao team will arrive in the Colony on Saturday morning and as they will be bringing down two teams the afternoon's programme will be opened with the junior match, which is scheduled to start at 2.30 p.m.

After the match with the Royal Engineers last evening, the Brigade team for Saturday's premier game has been chosen as follows: Feroz Khan, Hazara Singh and Kishan Singh; Bhanu Singh, Lt. C. Ravenhill and Tara Singh; Khuda Baksh, Lt. C. Garthwaite, Tara Singh, Kishan Singh and Chaita Singh.



Miss P. Gittins (St. Andrew's Ladies) (Reserve Forward).

MISS GITTINS STILL A RESERVE

Skipper Of St. Andrew's Ladies' Team

Miss P. Gittins was born in Hong Kong and first played hockey at the Diocesan Girls' School. For a while she played for a team called the Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club, but when this Club suffered an early demise she joined the St. Andrew's Ladies' for whom she has played since. Originally she occupied the left-wing berth, but for the past two years she has played at inside-left. She was picked as reserve in the Interport team last year and then played for the Rest of the Colony against Shanghai. She also figured prominently several times in the Rest v Caer Clark Cup Champions.



Miss J. Adey ("Y" Ladies) (Inside-left).



Miss E. M. Gray (H.K. Ladies) (Right-back).

many interesting matches she played in was one against the Chiswick Ladies' second eleven, a very strong team whose senior eleven, competed in the County Championship. Her positions in those matches in England were either in goal or at left-back. On returning to Hong Kong, about three years ago, she joined the St. Andrew's Ladies for a season and was chosen to play at left-back. During that season she was tried out in various positions, but found herself best-suited to the left-half position. The following season she joined the Central British Association Ladies at left-half and has since retained that position.

Arriving in the Colony in the early part of 1930, MISS S. DALZIEL, the Colony inside-right, commenced hockey in 1931 in the ranks of the Kowloon Ladies. Her natural abilities for all games saw her inclusion in the Rest team to play against the Champions. In her first season, but a promising career was checked by illness in the following year. Attempting a comeback in the 1932-3 season, she was only able to lead the "Y" Ladies in three games before being again on the sick list. This season she displayed brilliant form and, as captain of the "Y" Ladies has played a large part in their successes to date. She was mainly instrumental in the "Y" triumph in the Pearce Cup Series early this year and their unexpected win over the champions.

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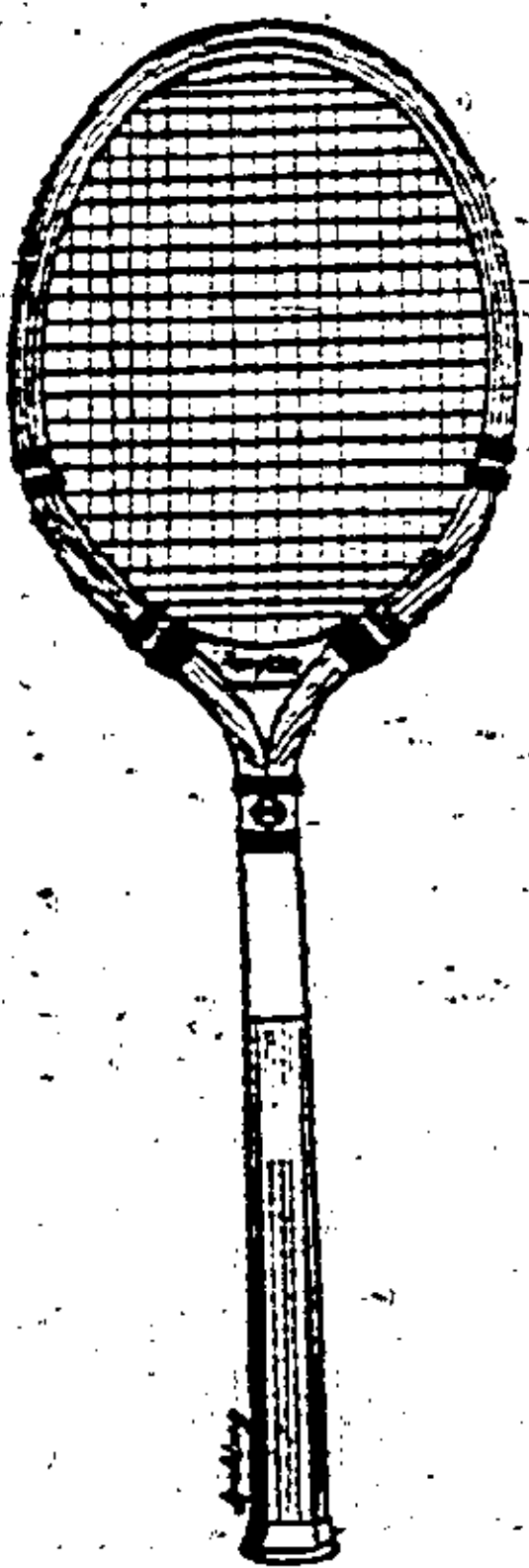
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JAPANESE XV
TO MEET SHAI
STARS AT RUGBYVISITORS HAVE
STRONG TEAMUniversity Players
In Side

Shanghai, December 17.
The Imperial Japanese Rugby XV, which will be visiting Shanghai at the end of this month at the invitation of the Shanghai Rugby Union Football Club, with whom the Japanese Amateur Athletic Association is co-operating, will arrive on December 28.

Three matches have been arranged, two against the S.R.U.F.C. 1st XV and one against the U.S. Marines 1st XV, and they will take place on the following dates at the Camdrome in the morning at 11 o'clock:—
Sunday, December 29; Thursday, January 2, and Sunday, January 5.

The actual allocation of fixtures, however, has not yet been decided definitely.

Twenty-One Players

The visitors will be bringing over 21 playing members, all of whom, with a few exceptions, have been members of one or other of the prominent Rugby Football Universities in Japan. Captained by Igarashi, formerly of Meiji University, the following members are expected to arrive:

Full back: Majima (Tokyo Railway); Three-quarters: Toba (Meiji University), Takahashi (Aikita University), Ogawa (Waseda University), Miki (Osaka Railway), Atsumi (Meiji University), Kamiya (Aikita University), Isono (Meiji University); Half-backs: Ohtaki (Meiji University), Saito (Aikita University), Tomioka (Meiji University), Fujita (Aikita University), Baba (Tokyo Railway); Forwards: Ohnishi (Waseda University), Igarashi (Meiji University), Sasakawa (Meiji University), Toyama (Rikido University), Takemoto (Osaka Railway), Miyake (Meiji University), Matsui (Meiji University), Okada (Meiji University).

Nine From Meiji

Of these it will be sent that nine of the visitors are from Meiji University, whose 1st XV came to Shanghai last season and two from Waseda University, whose 1st XV came to Shanghai three seasons ago. It is interesting to note that Meiji University, last season's Kwanto Rugby Champions, achieved the same honour this season when on December 2 they defeated Waseda by 15 points to 11 after a closely fought game.

Toba, one of the three-quarters mentioned in the visiting side, captained the Meiji University XV which visited Shanghai last season.

H.K.S.R.A. ARE
TOO GOOD FOR
THE ENGINEERS

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It. They had as much of the game as the winners, but where as the Brigade forward line combined very well, some of the Sappers were guilty of selfishness and as a result the two or three opportunities that they had went begging.

Changing over with the score sheet blank, the Brigade drew first blood, when they scored through Kishen Singh. Encouraged by this success they went further ahead when Khuda Baksh scored from an awkward angle.

H.K.C.C. ELEVEN FOR
TO-MORROW

The following will play for the H.K.C.C. against the Royal Navy on the H.K.C.C. ground to-morrow, starting at 11 a.m.:—A. W. Hayward (Capt.), T. A. Pearce, A. C. Beck, G. A. Stewart, T. E. Pearce, I. McInnes, G. S. Dumkiet, L. D. Kilbee, H. Owen Hughes, E. P. Duckitt, A. C. Growder.

MISS FOWLER'S FINE
HOCKEY RECORD

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Fowler, selected to play left-back against the Australian Ladies' team, but this match did not even take place. Last year she played left-back for the "Rest" against the visiting Shanghai Ladies' team, and has played back for the "Rest" in all the matches against the Caer Clatic Cup Champions. She joined the "T" Ladies when the Club was formed in 1932, being elected Hon. Secretary that year, and has filled that position since.



Spills and thrills marked the opening of the 6-day bike race at New York, where 30 international riders got under way for the long grind. Gustav Kilian, J. Heims Vopel, 4, and Cecil Yates, 3, were three victims of a spill in the hectic first hour which saw five crashes in succession.

MAURICE DUBOIS TO MEET
W. HAMPSON

Geneva, November 27.
Maurice Dubois, the League of Nations European bantam-weight boxing champion, will fight at Leeds on December 9. He will meet W. Hampson in 12 three-minute rounds. Dubois is a messenger on the staff of the League of Nations secretariat in Geneva.

MISS BRYSON
HAS VERY FINE
HOCKEY RECORD

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MRS. J. LUNSON, the Colony goal-keeper and a newcomer to the Colony, has a splendid hockey record, although she had not played for five years previous to her arrival in the Colony. She first took up the game in her early school days in Grantham School, Cumberland, and later—in 1926, played for Armstrong College, University of Durham. She represented the College in goal until 1930 and then secured recognition for the Northumberland Ladies' County team in 1929 and 1930. Following the latter year she did not play until her arrival in the Colony.

Born in Hong Kong, MISS I. WOOLLEY, the St. Andrew's Ladies' right half-back and Inter-port reserve half has now been playing hockey for seven years. Miss Woolley is better known as a right-half, where she has been conspicuous throughout last season and this year. She first took an interest in the game in 1930 when she played for the Central British Association Ladies' in friendly matches. The following year she joined the St. Andrew's Ladies as right-half and has played for them since. Last season she was elected as the "Best right-half" against the Champions, and was a reserve for the Australian Ladies' "visit". A hard hitter and wonderful spoiler, Miss Woolley should go far in ladies' hockey. Incidentally, she is the younger sister of Mrs. M. White, the Inter-port centre-forward.

MRS. M. REIL, (Nee M. Wallace) the Interport left-half, was a member of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club team that won the Caer Clark Cup in 1930, playing with conspicuous success in the left-half position. She was again a member of the team the following year, and in 1932 when the Hong Kong Ladies again beat all-comers.

In 1933-34, however, she only figured in a few matches prior to going home on leave, and when she returned to the Colony this year she soon found a place in the team again, though she now plays in the pivot position where she has performed very good work.

Her Interport selection was fully justified.

MRS. WHITE BEST
LEADER COLONY
HAS EVER HAD

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Later she left school for Reading University, where she was reserve centre-half for the first eleven. During the years 1926-27-28 she played for the London Hockey Club as a half back. It was early in 1929 that she arrived in the Colony and joined the Hong Kong Ladies. Miss Gray captained the Hong Kong Ladies for four years, during the 1930-31-32-33 seasons and was selected as the Colony's captain and right-back against the mythical Australian Ladies' touring team, and early this year against the unsuccessful Shanghai Ladies' Interport team.

MISS M. SMITH, the C.B.A. inside-right and Colony right-winger, has had a meteoric rise in local hockey circles. She started to play at the Diocesan Girls' School in 1927, and in 1933 joined the Central British Association. In the following year she showed good promise and played for the Rest against the Champions. This season she has climbed to new heights and is now one of the most dangerous forwards in the Colony. Possessing an excellent "eye", she never hesitates inside the circle and this is one of the secrets of her success.

One of the best centre-halves in the Colony, MISS J. WONG, the St. Andrew's Ladies' pivot, was born in Queensland, Australia. She learned the rudiments of hockey in the early part of 1930 and commenced serious play for the Diocesan Girls' School in 1931. In the following year she joined the St. Andrew's Ladies and has been playing pivot for them ever since. She has played for the Rest against the Champions since 1931, and was also selected against the "touring" Australian Ladies' team at the beginning of last year, and played as right-half for the victorious Colony side early this year against the Shanghai Ladies.

CIVILIANS' TEAM FOR
LAI WAH CUP

Match Next Sunday

At a meeting of the Club representatives last night, the following were chosen to represent the Civilians against the Chinese in the Semi-Final Round of the Lai Wah Cup Competition on Sunday next at Caroline Hill commencing at 3.30 p.m.:

Rodger (Club); C. Pile (Police) and C. Blackburn (Police); North (Police); Beltrac (Becroli) (Captain) and A. Bliss (Kowloon); T. Pile (Police); A. Ward (St. Joseph's); Elliot (Club); E. Strange (Club) and B. I. Bickford (Club).
Reserves: McHardy (Police); Hill (Club) and V. Costa (St. Joseph's); Brooks (Police); Gough (Police) and Parker (Police); B. Gossan (Becroli); Stevens (Police); Leonard (St. Joseph's); A. A. Alves (Becroli) and G. Moss (Police).
Team Manager—S. Strange (Club).

SIMPLE FORMALITY
REQUIREDRULES OF RACING MUST
BE OBSERVED

FREE FARE CONFOUNDS OWNER

(By Robin Foodfellow)

London, November 25.

THE greatest racing surprise has yet to come. Sooner or later some wretched man, through forgetfulness or misunderstanding, will fail to execute a simple formality required by the rules of racing, and 100,000 people at Epsom on Derby Day will be amazed to find when the runners and riders for the great race are hoisted that the favourite's number is missing.

A rule was introduced a few years ago stipulating that no horse can run "unless the name of the race, the horse, and the jockey have been given in writing by the owner, trainer, or duly authorised agent to the clerk of the course not less than three-quarters of an hour before the time fixed for the race."

The connections of Pegomas, a fancied runner for the Manchester November Handicap on Saturday, did not comply with that rule, owing to a misunderstanding, and the horse could not be started in consequence. Pegomas had been well backed, and, of course, all ante-post bets on him were lost.

Some Causes

Fewer cases of this kind might occur if runners had to be declared overnight. Delayed journeys to the race-course and the distractions which can occur to the trainer or other individual responsible for the declaration after he has arrived are the usual causes of these omissions.

The success of Free Fare in Saturday's race was remarkable because his owner, Mr. Ben Warner, has in two previous years backed the horse for the November Handicap to win a fortune.

Free Fare threw it away by swerving violently when he had the race of 1933 in hand; he was narrowly beaten by Jean's Dream. Last year Free Fare swerved again in the final furlong and finished third.

Mr. Warner thought, as I did, that Free Fare, now seven years old, had not such a bright chance on Saturday as he had had on the two previous occasions. The owner might have been more hopeful if he had not run the horse at Derby a week before. There he was decisively beaten in a small race by The Boaster, and though the latter is undoubtedly a smart horse this public trial for Free Fare was not encouraging.

Mr. Warner may have had a small stake on Free Fare on Saturday, but the horse would not have started at 22 to 1 if his owner had betted with any confidence.

Another Upset

One winner Mr. Warner did expect to have on Saturday was Range of Arrow, a runner for the Last Selling Plate, immediately following the big race. The owner and his friends hoped for a substantial coup, but the horse was narrowly beaten by Yaimen.

The three Wrags brothers usually ride for Mr. Warner. Sam was on Free Fare. Range of Arrow was entrusted to Arthur, but the horse who beat him was ridden by Harry Wragg, the eldest. Harry wanted one winner to give him his 100 for the season. He proceeded to win three races, and so brought his total to 102.

National Hunt racing has been steadily improving in every way, and this winter it is likely to be more interesting than at any time.

HORTON SMITH WINS \$10,000
BILTMORE GOLF TITLE

Florida, December 17.
The \$10,000 Miami Biltmore open golf championship was won today by Horton Smith.

Smith captured the top prize of \$2,500 when he chalked up a count of 231 strokes for the 72 holes since the war. It should certainly be particularly keen. There are so many jumpers in training now that one marvels at the optimism of those who are paying the bill for many of them.

New Harder

The three-year-old hurdler Newmarket, who gave an impressive performance when he won recently at Liverpool, is to run again at Birmingham this afternoon. The field will include another recent winner in Crawley Glen, and the King's colt Marconi, who is being trained for hurdling by Major Baird.

Marconi shaped in a promising manner when he ran at Cheltenham and is almost certain to do better to-day. Newmarket, however, seems to be particularly smart in this class and should win again.

LIEUT. HOCQUARD SECURES
COUNTY RECOGNITION

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In many hockey matches, otherwise he might easily have won Interport recognition. He is an excellent full-back and has played for the Army, England, and the Combined Services while stationed here.

L/Cpl. Yeomans won his Army and England cap locally, and was reserve for the Combined Services, while Cpl. Wildy, who played for Ireland in the international competition, is thinking of forsaking soccer for hockey as there is more hockey in India. Another member of the Regiment who played for England is Edam. Driver. Pte. Taylor has represented the Army and the Combined Services, and the latest player to have won his Regimental colours is Pte. Harrison.

Reeks Unfortunate

Colour Sergeant Reeks, who is a very fine centre-forward, has, unfortunately, never been able to find much time to devote to hockey, otherwise he might have won his place in the Army team, as he has always been regarded as a very serious rival to Senior, the Army leader.

The Regiment also boasts three fully qualified Army hockey umpires in Dr. Dr. Major Tancred, L/Cpl. Yeomans and Edam. Driver, while Sgt. McGilky, has also qualified and is now only awaiting his certificate from Aldershot, having been recommended by the local examiners for issue.

Sgt. Major Viney, who is a first class centre-half, has played for Lincolnshire and who left for home after the Regiment had arrived in the Colony, will be re-joining them again in India. He should be a distinct acquisition either as a player or as a coach.

Fanling Winter Race Meeting

The following is the programme for the Winter Meeting of the Fanling Hunt & Race Club to be held at Kowloon on Sunday January 26, 1936.
Race No. 1—2.30 p.m.—The Sheung Sin St. Steeplechase. 1½ Miles. A handicap for China Ponies. Winner a cup or \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20. Entry Fee \$2.
Race No. 2—The New South Wales Cup. Over a country course of about 3 miles finishing on the Race Course. For Australian Ponies. Catchweight 175 lbs. Winner a cup or \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20. Entry Fee \$2.
Race No. 3—The Grand Military Handicap & Steeplechase. 1½ Miles. A hurdle race for China Ponies.

Government Changars, or the property of an Officer on the active list of H.M. Forces, or a Member of the Machine Gun Troop, H.K.V.D.C. to be ridden by those qualified to enter. Winner—The Saxon Cup to remain the property of the winner for one year, with a replica presented; 2nd \$40, 3rd \$30. Entry Fee \$2.
Race No. 4—The Beelstake. Over a country course of about 3 miles finishing on the Race Course. For China Ponies. Catchweight 175 lbs. Winner a cup or \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20. Entry Fee \$2.
Race No. 5—The Diana Cup. A handicap flat race of ½ Miles for China Ponies that in the opinion of

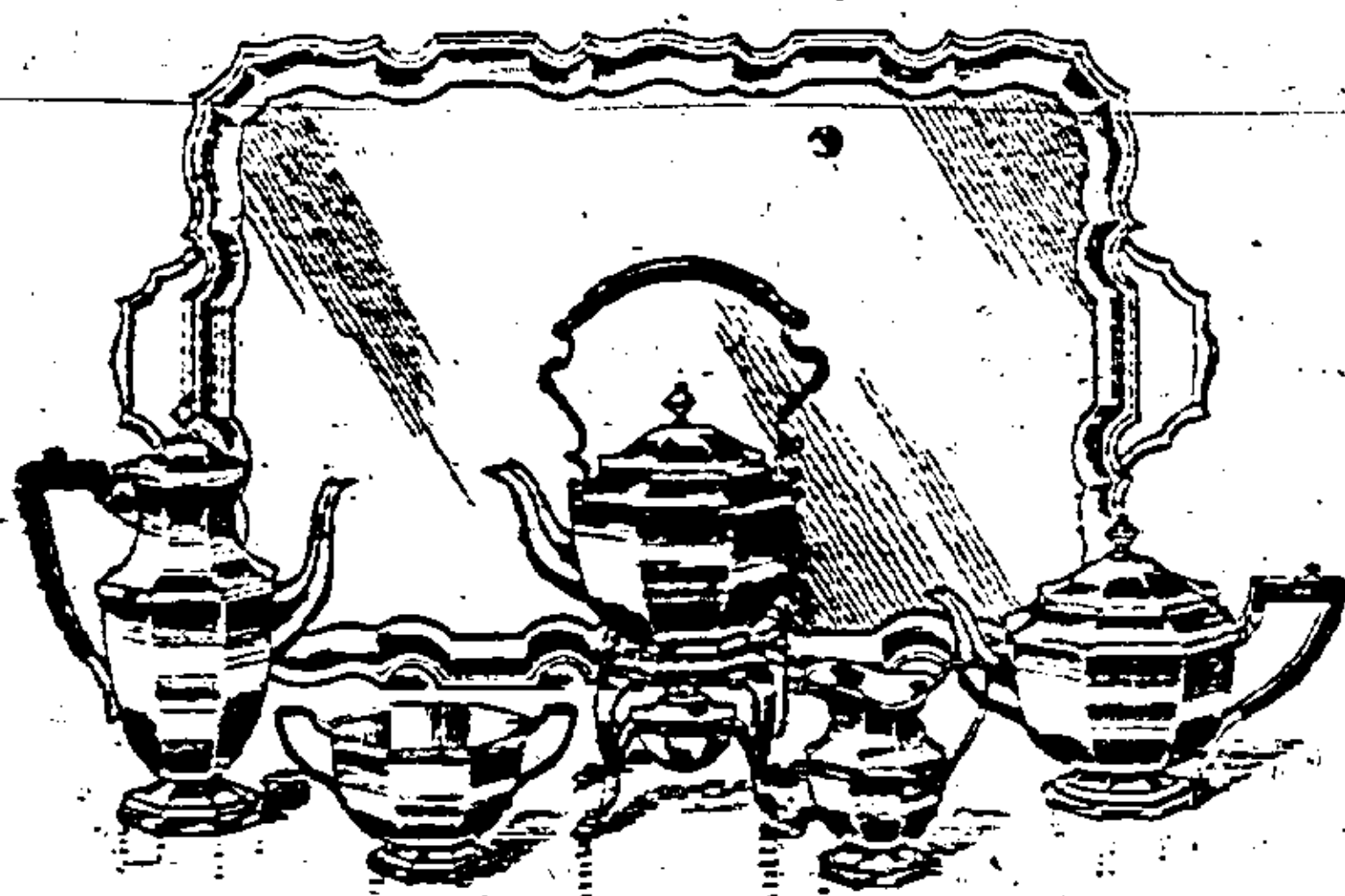
the Committee are bona fide hunters. Winners this season at Kwai Tsing to be ridden by Ladies. Winner a cup or \$50, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20. Entry Fee \$2. (A silver souvenir will be presented to the winning rider).
N.B.—Starters must be declared on 630 hours provided in the weighing room before 2 o'clock for the first race and for all subsequent races 45 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

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London Of The Future

What will London be like in the year 2000? Many prophets have told us, disagreeing marvellously with one another and with the succeeding editions of their own convictions. We do not recall a more interesting or a more detailed prediction than that which Mr. E. A. A. Rowse gave in London last month. He speaks with authority on town planning, and his London of the future is to be very elaborately planned. At its centre it will be "a city of huge isolated towers set in greenery." Farther out, separated each from each by green belts, will be rings of factories, offices and dwellings, scientifically arranged to avoid waste of time between work and home. Elevated speedways and "rail-planes," besides the development of tubes and air transport, will have solved traffic problems.

Sixty-five years is rather a short time for the accomplishment of such a great transformation. In Mr. Rowse's exposition of ways and means it depends upon a considerable fall in population. He quotes the estimate of some statisticians that in 40 years' time we shall be back at the 1890 level of a nation of 33,000,000. Even if that does happen it does not follow that the population of the London area will have declined proportionately. It may, then, be very difficult to create the green belts of his plan by the evacuation of large areas now residential, however high we build the towers at the centre. We contemplate respectfully his vision of the Londoners of 2,000, all six feet high and magnificently developed, thanks to scientific diet and training, and we are not overawed by the prediction that they will be mentally "far more alert" than the present inhabitants. In all the many thousands of years of which we have record the mind of man has not developed with any such speed.

New Methods With Coal

A striking demonstration of the modern British efficiency in coal production and in use of coal for power and industrial purposes was provided in the recent report of the Fuel Research Board. Coalowners are sometimes accused of failing to provide their mines with the latest machinery. There cannot be much substance in that charge, for the amount of coal obtained by machine-cutting rose from 20,000,000 tons, in 1910, to 104,000,000 tons in 1934. While the methods of production have thus improved, great economies have been effected in almost every process for which coal is used. The Iron and Steel Federation estimates that in that industry \$4,500,000 per annum has been saved in the cost of fuel since 1923. In the production of electrical power and of gas the effective value of the coal consumed has been enormously increased.

If the processes of these three industries had remained what they were in 1910, they would last year have used 31,500,000 more tons of coal. Though all this economic efficiency may in some degree be held responsible for the present difficulties of the mining industry, it must make for per-

EXPLANATION OF YESTERDAY'S CARTOON

The Stilled Honeymoon Express

SEVENTEEN years ago, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Porter were married, and as the happy bride and groom of only a few hours started on their honeymoon, Mr. Porter took the baggage to the car in the side driveway of their home. Mrs. Porter, on entering the car, found him dead. So great was her sorrow that she has never allowed a person to touch or move the auto, and to this day it still stands in the driveway of the Lakeshore Drive home, Evanston, Ill., where Mrs. Porter left it, enclosed by a fence to insure the carrying out of the widow's wishes.

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

There will be no publication of The China Mail to-morrow, New Year's Day.

At the Cheero Club on Tuesday, January 7, beginning at 9 p.m., Miss Gray's Concert Party are producing "Postal Orders"; admission 20 cts.

To-morrow, January 1, there will be an entertainment at the Cheero Club by the concert party of H.M.S. Dorsetshire, beginning at 9 p.m.

A tea dance will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel to-morrow, New Year's Day, at 4.30 p.m. The buses will run a half-hourly service during the afternoon.

One case each of diphtheria, enteric fever and cerebro-spinal fever were reported to the Health authorities in the 48 hours ended on Sunday.

A whist drive was held at the Cheero Club on Saturday, prizes being won as follows: Ladies, 1st, Mrs. Deacon, 2nd, Mrs. Hunt; gentlemen, 1st, "Soldier," 2nd, Mr. Crawford. The next whist drive will be held on Monday, January 6, at 8.30 p.m.; admission 50 cts. including refreshments.

Mr. A. H. Abbas, the Assistant Secretary of the Hong Kong Club, was entertained at a dinner party by the Hong Kong Club staff in connection with his retirement, on Saturday last at the Kam Loong Hotel. After the dinner a beautiful gold trinket was presented to him by the staff as a souvenir.

URBAN COUNCIL

Possible Contest For Vacant Seat

Dr. Li Shu-fan, who was re-appointed an elected member of the Sanitary Board some time ago, has, it is understood, been invited to become a Government-nominated member of the Urban Council, which will come into being on the dissolution of the Sanitary Board, and, in the event of the invitation being accepted, a vacancy for an elected member will result.

It is believed that Dr. S. N. Chau, a cousin of the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, member of the Legislative Council, will come forward as a candidate, and it is stated that the seat may be contested by another member of the Chinese medical profession.

Up to the present, no date for the election, or for the filing of nominations, has been announced.

SHOP GIRL ATTACKED

A man who entered a Ferryhill (Durham) tea store struck a girl assistant on the head and face. A man was later arrested.

manent prosperity. Cheaper production of fuel, lighting and power diminishes the cost of living and provides greater comfort. Reduction in coal consumption in industry brings down the cost of manufactured articles. The most important and the most encouraging inference to be drawn from all these statistics is that the lack of expansion in coal consumption is not due to its replacement by oil, but to more scientific application. The uses are being extended. The great national asset of the British coalfields maintains its value.

Here There and Everywhere

BRITAIN'S TOWING SUPREMACY

The towing to harbour of the rudderless Duchess of Atholl by two tugs is a reminder that Britain is still capturing the plums of deep-sea towing. Only a few years ago Dutch tugmen had no competition to fear, even in the task of taking our own obsolete warships to the breaking-up yards. They charged a fantastic price for towing a battleship from the south coast to Blyth or Liverpool. After complaints were made in the House of Commons British tugmen were given a chance. A Hull firm brought the Dutch down to a fifth of the usual price, and towed H.M.S. Marlborough to Blyth in four and a half days instead of the usual seven.

THE LAST SAILING LINERS

That an attempt should have been made to steer the Duchess of Atholl by means of a sail, before the arrival of the tugs, has surprised many people.

Yet the use of sail for ocean-going steamships is not so very remote. The last Camarders to carry sail were the Umbria and Etruria, launched in 1884 and 1885 respectively. The latter made her last voyage as recently as 1908. Both were pygmies compared with the modern liner.

Less than two years ago a smallish cargo steamer in the Bay of Biscay hoisted a sail to steady her in a heavy sea and it was claimed that she gained half a knot by this means.

Your Daily Smile!

With these synthetic complexions women might be termed "the vanishing race."

Heard in Hollywood.

"Do you go to church regularly?"
"Oh, yes! I'm never married anywhere else."

Bloom: "I'm glad I met your wife. She seemed to take a fancy to me."
Paquer: "Did she? I wish you'd met her sooner."

The Size

The conductor came down the bus collecting fares and stopped before a passenger who was sitting with his arms extended in front of him.
"Your fare, please," he asked.
"You'll find money in my right-hand coat pocket," said the man.

The conductor stared at the man suspiciously.

"Anything the matter with your arms?" he asked.

"Oh, no," came the reply, "the width between my hands is the size of a pane of glass I'm going to buy."

ITALY'S NEXT MOVES IN ABYSSINIA

CAN SHE BEAT RAINS AND SANCTIONS?

CRITICAL PERIOD OF ABOUT FOUR MONTHS AHEAD

(By Maj.-Gen. A. C. Temperley)

London, Dec. 4. THE war in Abyssinia has now lasted two months, and this is a suitable moment to review its progress, though information has been very scanty.

The moment is particularly opportune, because of the change in command on the Italian side, said to be due to dissatisfaction with the conduct of the campaign by Marshal de Bono.

It cannot be doubted that the Italian General Staff had been considering the possibility of this campaign for years. As the result of reports by their numerous consuls, travellers and Intelligence Service, a mass of data must have been collected, upon which an outline of a plan had been made.

After the Ual Ual incident, Marshal Badoglio and a military committee visited Eritrea and filled in the details on the spot. When Marshal de Bono arrived later as High Commissioner, all he and his staff had to do was to put the finishing touches to the plan and make final demands on Rome for troops and transport.

"Five Or Six Years." The plan presumably committed him to the employment of 10 divisions in the north for an advance upon Addis Ababa, and two divisions in Ogaden, the maximum it was possible to feed, to occupy the province of Harar and to cut the railway.

The General Staff had been under no illusions as to the difficulties, and, while trying to dissuade Signor Mussolini, in the early stages, from embarking on the adventure, estimated the time it would take to subjugate the country as possibly five or six years. I do not consider this an extravagant view.

On the other hand, the

Italians had had bitter lessons of inadequate forces, and our own Colonial wars, which they had attentively studied, teemed with instances of under-estimating the enemy's strength. They could hardly risk a defeat; and large forces should make for security. They accordingly played for safety.

Rest Followed

Once that decision was taken, the rest followed. The General Staff, who had worked out every detail, could almost have prepared a time-table of the rate of the advance. The one incalculable factor was the degree of resistance by the enemy; and in this the Abyssinians proved to be exceptionally accommodating. The heart-breaking delays after Adowa and Makalle must have been foreseen. Considering the frightful difficulties with roads and supplies I think the advance has proceeded at a reasonable rate.

But the Italians are only 70 miles along the road to Addis Ababa, and, allowing for a winding route, there must be at least another 500 miles to go. It will take them two, or possibly three dry seasons to reach the capital, unless there is a complete change of method.

Another possible factor in slowing up the advance may have been the delay necessary to try to subdue the local chiefs by propaganda rather than by force. This, we know, has been very successful. It has not only had the effect of avoiding casualties (although these appear to have been allowed to fall chiefly upon the native rather than the white troops), but it also emphasises the warm welcome given to them by the inhabitants.

Strong Argument

When the time comes for a settlement the argument will be strongly pressed that territory which has been entered without fighting, and where the natives clamour to become Italian subjects, cannot be allowed to revert once more to barbarism and misrule.

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"BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley



FOLLOWING HIS FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

THE VERY FOOTSTEPS OF D. PERASMUS ARE STILL VISIBLE TODAY, ON THE VERY SPOT WHERE HE WAS KILLED 50 YEARS AGO. HIS SON HAS BUILT A SQUARE AROUND THEM. HOOGERKRAAL, NATAL, SOUTH AFRICA

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NEW CABINET CRISIS

Confused Politics
In Spain

DIFFERENCES OVER ELECTION TACTICS

"CHINA MAIL" SPECIAL

Madrid, To-day.—Although only a few days have elapsed since the last Government crisis was solved, the prospects of a new Cabinet crisis are again looming on the horizon. Opinions within the Cabinet are divided as to the tactics to be pursued during the elections.

The Premier maintains the viewpoint that the Government should observe strict neutrality during the election campaign, while some other members of the Cabinet, particularly the Finance Minister and former Premier, Don Chapa Prieta, as well as the Foreign Minister, Don Martinez Velasco, who is the leader of the Agrarian Party, demand that the Government should support the claims of the Right parties now being formed for the elections.

Another Alliance

The situation has become even more confused through the statement made by the chairman of the Catholic "People's Action," Don Gil Robles, who has announced that his party is now waiting to form an alliance for the elections with the other parties of the Right, that is the Agrarians and the Liberal Democrats, who now form the nucleus of the Government. Don Gil's statement, however, has only succeeded in strengthening the other parties in their conviction that they must fight the elections jointly with the support of the Government.

The Premier, however, is apparently unwilling to grant this support and it is feared that his refusal will cause the resignation of some Ministers and therefore a new Government crisis. Don Gil Robles himself has virtually already announced that a new Cabinet crisis is imminent, and that according to his view the former Premier, Don Chapa Prieta, should be entrusted with the formation of a new Government.—Trans-Ocean Service.

POLICEMEN MUST NOT DRINK

Stern Action In
New York

HABIT OF FIRING OFF REVOLVERS

New York: Police Commissioner Valentine, who is bearing down heavily on criminals in New York, is not going to spare his own policemen from punishment if they do not behave themselves.

He has ordered intensive steps to be taken by police captains to weed from the forces all policemen who get intoxicated either while on or off duty.

Commissioner Valentine, who called his captains, inspectors and detectives to his office to tell them of his wishes, added that he wanted speeded up the drive on gangsters and racketeers.

Several Recent Cases
His edict against policemen who imbibe too freely was prompted, it is understood, by several recent cases in which policemen, allegedly intoxicated, used their revolvers. He told the captains that they had shown a tendency to be "too easy" with such men.

In connection with his activities against gangsters, the Commissioner ordered that a special file of known or suspected gangsters and racketeers operating in the area of each unit of the Police Force be started forthwith. Detective Commanders were told to send their men into cabarets or other places where gangsters are known to congregate.—Reuter.

While Lee Fook, driver of public car No. 266, was driving along Hennessy road at 9:30 p.m. last night, he knocked down An Yung-yui, who ran out from the verandah. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital, and is in a serious condition.



On her recent San Francisco visit Claudette Colbert, of film fame, admitted she would wed Dr. J. J. Pressman, a Hollywood physician, this month. They are here shown after their arrival by plane, booked as "Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Pressman."

MILITARY WEDDING

Fidoe — Dudley

BRIDE LATE MATRON OF LONDON HOSPITAL

A wedding of great interest in military circles was solemnised at St. John's Cathedral, yesterday afternoon, when Miss Betty Dudley became the bride of Staff Quarter Master Sergeant Joseph H. Fidoe, of the R.A.O.C.

The bride, who arrived on Sunday from Home by H.M.T. Neutalia, was formerly the Matron of the London Jewish Hospital. Her father was connected with the Royal Fusiliers for over 33 years. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Fidoe of Malvern, Worcestershire, England. He was formerly of the Queen's Own Westchester Hussars (T.A.), and has been over 21 years with the R.A.O.C. He left England in 1931, following which he was in Egypt, Tiensin and Peiping. He has been in Hong Kong for a little over a year.

The Bride

The bride, who entered the Cathedral on the arm of S.Q.M.S. H. Sanderson, R.A.P.C., looked charming in a white Persian satin gown with monk-style sleeves. She carried a bouquet of bronze shaded chrysanthemums.

The ceremony, which was choral, was conducted by the Rev. G. H. Bateman, M.A., Senior Chaplain to the Forces.

Attending the bride was Miss P. Colegrave, who wore a sky-blue satin gown with silver Elizabethan collar and a silver-headed dress. She carried white chrysanthemums.

The best man was Chief E.R.A. J. Todd, of H. M. Submarine Orpheus. Appropriate music was rendered on the organ by Mr. L. Lafford.

After signing the register, the newly-wed couple left the Cathedral under an archway of swords held by the bridegroom's brother warrant officers.

Reception At Gloucester

A reception was held at the Gloucester Hotel. Among those present were Colonel L. C. Lewis, O.B.E., R.A.O.C., and Mrs. Lewis, Colonel R. F. Johnson, R.A.O.C., and Mrs. Johnson, Lt-Colonel Kihne, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.A.O.C., Lt. Cmdr. R. W. Moir, of H.M. Submarine Orpheus, Captain Temple-Morris, M.C., R.A.O.C., Captain O. P. Joce, R.A.O.C., and Mrs. Joce, Captain L. W. Biddle, R.A.O.C., and Mrs. Biddle, Lt. M. R. Branwell, of H.M. Submarine Orpheus, Lt. E. Saunders, R.A.O.C., and Mrs. Saunders, Lt. D. J. Russell, 1st Bn. Lincolnshire Regiment, Wt/Engr. H. Kernick, of H.M. Submarine Orpheus, Dr. and Mrs. F. Bunje, Dr. and Mrs. P. Dovey, Mrs. H. Sanderson, Miss P. Weightman, Condr. T. Foley, R.A.O.C., and Mrs. Foley, Condr. J. Jacobs, R.A.O.C., and Mrs. Jacobs, S/Condr. W. H. Andrews, R.A.O.C., and Mrs. Andrews, S. M. McConnell, R.A.O.C., and Mrs. McConnell, S.M. E. Howard, R.A.O.C., and Mrs. Howard, S.Q.M.S. R. Plowright, R.A.O.C., and Mrs. Plowright, S.Q.M.S. Groombridge, R.A.O.C., and Mrs. Groombridge, Garrison Sergeant Major and Mrs. H. Harbottle.

WHAT REAL LOVE WILL DO

Girls' Six Weeks In Cupboard

Gdynia.

A Polish girl, who had endured six weeks cooped up in a clothes cupboard to be with a sailor she loved, has been found on board a Swedish ship visited by police here.

Throughout the ship's voyages, the girl could leave her cramped, dark hiding-place only when the sailor was off watch.

Twice in the six weeks the vessel visited Gothenburg but on neither occasion did the customs officials notice the girl when inspecting the ship.

The girl brought about her own discovery by writing a postcard to her mother from Gothenburg. The mother showed it to the police.—Reuter.

THE NEW YEAR RECEPTIONS

Postponement In Berlin

Berlin, To-day.

The customary New Year's receptions by the Chancellor have been postponed until January 10 at Herr Hitler's orders, according to an official announcement issued yesterday.

The Chancellor will be present at this date in the "House of the Reich President," the former Presidential residence, where he will receive the New Year's wishes of the diplomatic representatives in the presence of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Baron von Neurath.—Trans-Ocean Service.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Pairings For Fanling To-morrow

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling to-morrow:

9.24 a.m. J. MacKnight, F. Austin.
9.28 " W. A. Stewart, N. K. Littlejohn.
9.22 " W. J. S. Key, J. Forbes.
9.26 " O. E. C. Marton, S. H. Dowdell.
9.40 " L. H. Geare, A. D. Humphreys.
9.44 " E. L. S. Webb, L. Goldman.
9.48 " F. M. Ellis, H. N. Williamson.
9.52 " J. S. Dykes, R. J. Shrigley.
10.16 " T. R. Rowell, W. J. E. Mackenzie.

DRAINAGE RATE REVOLT

A meeting of 500 people at Horncastle, Lincs, resolved not to pay the 2s. 9d. drainage rate levied on the town and district.

Pang Ching, a motor-lorry driver, reports that while he was driving in Hennessy Road yesterday near Percival Street, a coolie, Chan Hing, alighted before the lorry had stopped and fell against the pavement. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital and died at 10.45 last night.

S.Q.M.S. C. Digby, R.A.S.C., and E.R.A. W. Bravery, H.M. Submarine Orpheus.

To-day's Short Story

THE VEILED LADY

By Agatha Christie

I HAD noticed that for some time Poirot had been growing increasingly dissatisfied and restless. We had had no interesting cases of late, nothing on which my little friend could exercise his keen wits and remarkable powers of deduction. This morning he flung down the newspaper with an impatient exclamation—"Tchah!"—a favourite exclamation of his which sounded exactly like a cat sneezing.

"They fear me," Hastings: the criminals of your England they fear me! When the cat is there the little mice, they come no more to the cheese!"

"I don't suppose the greater part of them even know of your existence," I said, laughing.

Poirot looked at me reproachfully. He always imagines that the whole world is thinking and talking of Hercule Poirot. He had certainly made a name for himself in London, but I could hardly believe that his existence struck terror into the criminal world.

"What about that daylight robbery of jewels in Bond-street the other day?" I asked.

"A neat coup," said Poirot approvingly, "though not in my line. *Pas de finesse, seulement de l'audace!* A man with a loaded cane smashes the plate-glass window of a jeweller's shop and grabs a number of precious stones."

"Worthy citizens immediately seize him; a policeman arrives. He is caught red-handed with the jewels on him. He is marched off to the police station, and then it is discovered that the stones are paste. He has passed the real ones to a confederate—one of the aforementioned worthy citizens. He will go to prison—true; but when he comes out there will be a nice little fortune awaiting him. Yes, not badly imagined. But I could do better than that. Sometimes, Hastings, I regret that I am of such a moral disposition. To work against the law, it would be pleasing for a change."

"Cheer up Poirot, you know you are unique in your own line."

"But what is there on hand in my own line?"

"I picked up the paper. 'Here's an Englishman mysteriously done to death in Holland.' I said: 'They always say that—and later they find that he ate the tin of black fish and that his death is perfectly natural.'"

"Well, if you're determined to grouse!"

"Tiens!" said Poirot, who had strolled across to the window. "Here in the street is what they call in novels a 'heavily veiled lady.' She mounts the steps; she rings the bell—she comes to consult us. Here is a possibility of something interesting. When one is as young and pretty as that one one does not veil the face except for a big affair."

A minute later our visitor was ushered in. As Poirot had said, she was indeed heavily veiled. It was impossible to distinguish her features until she raised her veil of black Spanish lace. Then I saw that Poirot's intuition had been right; the lady was extremely pretty, with fair hair and large blue eyes. From the costly simplicity of her attire I deduced at once that she belonged to the upper strata of society.

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The prices are as usual:—Dress Circle... \$1.50, Back Stalls... \$1.00, Front Stalls... 50 cts., Upper Circle... 20 cts.

The screening commences to-morrow and continue daily at 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30.

Owing to the enormous success of the picture in Shanghai we anticipate heavy bookings and we would therefore suggest that our patrons take advantage of our advance booking facilities—open daily at 10 a.m.—and make early reservations.

Wishing all our patrons a Happy and Prosperous New Year. The Management.

THURSDAY'S STORY

Thursday's story will be "Invisible Fish," by H. A. Manhood.

"Monsieur Poirot," said the lady, in a soft, musical voice, "I am in great trouble. I can hardly believe that you can help me, but I have heard such wonderful things of you that I come, literally as a last hope, to beg you to do the impossible."

"The impossible, it pleases me always," said Poirot. "Continue, I beg of you, mademoiselle."

Our guest hesitated.

"But you must be frank," added Poirot. "You must not leave me in the dark on any point."

"I will trust you," said the girl suddenly. "You have heard of Lady Millicent Castle Vaughan?"

I looked up with keen interest. The announcement of Lady Millicent's engagement to the young Duke of Southshire had appeared a few days previously. She was, I knew, the fifth daughter of an impecunious Irish peer, and the Duke of Southshire was one of the best matches in England.

"I am Lady Millicent," continued the girl. "You may have read of my engagement. I should be one of the happiest girls alive; but, ah, Monsieur Poirot, I am in terrible trouble! There is a man, a horrible man—his name is Lavington; and he—I hardly know how to tell you. There was a letter I wrote—I was only sixteen at the time; and he—he—"

"A letter that you wrote to this Mr. Lavington?"

"Oh, no—not to him! To a young soldier—I was very fond of him—he was killed in the War."

"I understand," said Poirot kindly.

"It was a foolish letter, an indiscreet letter, but, indeed, Monsieur Poirot, nothing more. But there are phrases in it which—"

"I see," said Poirot. And this letter has come into the possession of Mr. Lavington?"

"Yes, and he threatens, unless I pay him an enormous sum of money, a sum that it is quite impossible for me to raise, to send it to the Duke."

"The dirty swine!" I ejaculated. "I beg your pardon, Lady Millicent."

"Would it not be wiser to confess all to your future husband?"

"I dare not, Monsieur Poirot. The Duke is a rather peculiar character, jealous and suspicious and prone to believe the worst. I might as well break off my engagement at once."

"Dear, dear," said Poirot, with an expressive grimace. "And what do you want me to do, milady?"

"I thought perhaps that I might ask Mr. Lavington to call upon you. I would tell him that you were empowered by me to discuss the matter. Perhaps you could reduce his demands."

"What sum does he mention?"

"Twenty thousand pounds—an impossibility. I don't if I could raise a thousand even."

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"You might perhaps borrow the money on the prospect of your approaching marriage—but I doubt if you could get hold of half that sum. Besides—*eh bien*, it is repugnant to me that you should pay! No, the ingenuity of Hercule Poirot shall defeat your enemies! Send me this Mr. Lavington. He is likely to bring the letter with him."

The girl shook her head.
"I do not think so. He is very cautious."

"I suppose there is no doubt that he really has it?"

"He showed it to me when I went to his house."

"You went to his house? That was very imprudent, milady."

"Was it? I was so desperate. I hoped my entreaties might move him."

"Oh, la la! The Lavingtons of this world are not moved by entreaties! He would welcome them as showing how much importance you attached to the document. Where does he live, this fine gentleman?"

"At Buena Vista, Wimbledon. I went there after dark."

Poirot groaned.
"I declared that I would inform the police in the end," she continued, "but he only laughed in a horrid, sneering manner. 'By all means, my dear Lady Millicent, do so if you wish,' he said."

"Yes, it is hardly an affair for the police," murmured Poirot.

"But I think you will be wiser than that," he continued. "See, here is your letter—in this little Chinese puzzle box!" He held it so that I could see. I tried to snatch at it, but he was too quick for me. With a horrid smile he folded it up and replaced it in the little wooden box. "It will be quite safe here, I assure you," he said; "and the box itself lives in such a clever place that you would never find it!" My eyes turned to the small wall-safe, and he shook his head and laughed. "I have a better safe than that," he said. "Oh, he was odious! Monsieur Poirot, do you think that you can help me?"

"Have faith in Papa Poirot. I will find a way."

These reassurances were all very well, I thought, as Poirot gallantly ushered his fair client down the stairs, but it seemed to me that we had a tough nut to crack. I said as much to Poirot when he returned. He nodded ruefully.

"Yes—the solution does not leap to the eye. He has the whip hand, this Monsieur Lavington. For the moment I do not see how we are to circumvent him."

Mr. Lavington called upon us that afternoon. Lady Millicent had spoken truly when she described him as an odious man. I felt a positive tingling in the end of my foot, so keen was I to kick him down the stairs. He was blustering and overbearing in manner, laughed Poirot's gentle suggestions to scorn, and generally showed himself as master of the situation. I could not help feeling that Poirot was hardly appearing at his best. He looked discouraged and crestfallen.

"Well, gentlemen," said Lavington as he took up his hat, "we

don't seem to be getting much farther. The case stands like this: I'll let the Lady Millicent off cheap, as she is such a charming young lady," he leered odiously. "We'll say eighteen thousand—I'm off to Paris to-day—a little piece of business to attend to over there. I shall be back on Tuesday. Unless the money is paid by Tuesday evening the letter goes to the Duke. Don't tell me Lady Millicent can't raise the money. Some of her gentlemen friends would be only too willing to oblige such a pretty woman with a loan—if she goes the right way about it."

My face flushed, and I took a step forward, but Lavington had wheeled out of the room as he finished his sentence.

"My God!" I cried. "Something has got to be done. You seem to be taking this lying down, Poirot."

"You have an excellent heart, my friend—but your grey cells are in a deplorable condition. I have no wish to impress Mr. Lavington with my capabilities. The more pusillanimous he thinks me the better."

"Why?"

"It is curious," murmured Poirot reminiscently, "that I should have uttered a wish to work against the law just before Lady Millicent arrived!"

"You are going to burgle his house while he is away?" I gasped.

"Sometimes, Hastings, your mental processes are amazingly quick."

"Suppose he takes the letter with him?"

Poirot shook his head.
"That is very unlikely. He has evidently a hiding-place in his house that he fancies to be pretty impregnable."

"When do we—er—do the deed?"

"To-morrow night. We will start from here about eleven o'clock."

At the time appointed I was ready to set off. I had donned a dark suit and a soft dark hat. Poirot beamed kindly on me.

"You have dressed the part, I see," he observed. "Come, let us take the Underground to Wimbledon."

"Aren't we going to take anything with us? Tools to break in with?"

"My dear Hastings, Hercule Poirot does not adopt such crude methods."

I retired, snubbed, but my curiosity was alert.

It was just on midnight that we entered the small suburban garden of Buena Vista. The house was dark and silent. Poirot went straight to a window at the back of the house, raised the sash noiselessly, and bade me enter.

"How did you know this window would be open?" I whispered, for really it seemed uncanny.

"Because I sawed through the catch this morning."

"What?"

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Then there is the condition of the rear communications, which are known to be in a state of extreme congestion and confusion. There is an utterly inadequate sea base from which 2,000 tons of supplies have to be moved to the front daily.

Italian Anxieties
The masses of lorries keep on destroying the road surfaces, and labour is insufficient to cope with all the engineering work required. There are roving bands of Abyssinians behind the Italian lines who are giving a good deal of trouble, and there are many signs of increasing resistance on the part of the Abyssinians, who have big concentrations further south.

The position is not without anxiety for the Italian Command, and I should not be surprised if there is no further advance before Christmas. On the Ogaden front Gen. Graziani has been hampered by inadequate forces (two divisions) for the length of front (400 miles), a long line of communications, lack of water, bad weather and sickness. He has used his bombing planes with much effect, but has not other-

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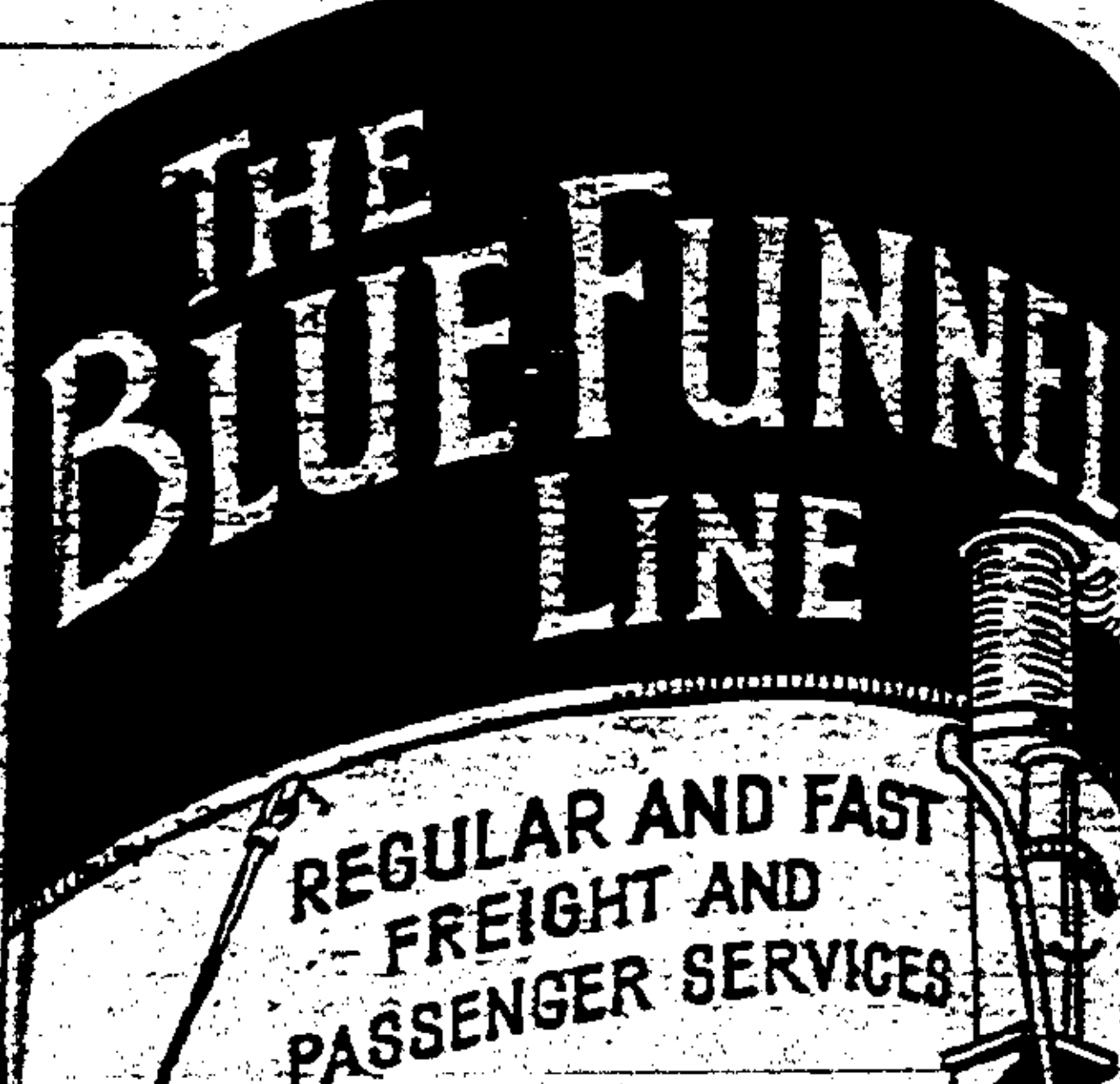
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wise scored any marked successes, nor does he appear to have advanced more than 120 miles on the average.

His troubles will be accentuated when he reaches the foothills about Jijiga and Sasa Baneh, where there are large numbers of Abyssinians who have expressed their intention of fighting. There is reason to expect that an offensive on this front will shortly take place. On the whole one would think that results here must be a disappointment to the Italian Government.

No information Reliable information from the Abyssinian army hardly exists. There are believed to be large concentrations at Dessie, where the Emperor has gone, and about Harar. The rest is wrapped in mystery.

Small isolated bands have effected surprises against Italian troops and have fought gallantly; but continued inactivity for the great majority of these natural fighters must be bad for their morale. Moreover, there is no supply system, and large masses cannot keep together. Once everything establish has been looted from the countryside they simply disperse.

There does not appear to be any plan or central control. The Emperor can know little of what is going on, and each tribal chief seems to do what he likes. One can form little estimate of the power of resistance of these brave but unorganised troops.

What, then, of the future? When the Italian plan was decided, presumably Signor Mussolini reluctantly accepted the General Staff view of a long war in which the country would be gradually absorbed by safe and methodical means. But he made one profound political miscalculation.

He thought the League would do nothing. He based his opinion, no doubt, on its previous ineffective protests during the Manchurian crisis, and upon assurances which he believed he had obtained from M. Laval. He also misjudged the temper of the British people and did not realise that the League would act together.

Sanctions

Once a moderately effective system of Sanctions had been

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approved it was apparent that all the previous plans of the General Staff must be recast. A leisurely advance by a large army on Addis Ababa, building its roads as it went along, was out of the question. Sanctions would beat it, at the present rate, long before the goal was reached.

Marshal Badoglio, the most eminent soldier in Italy, was called upon to devise a new plan and to put it into execution himself. What that may be, we do not know.

Too much mechanisation, instead of increasing mobility, multiplies the impediments of an army, and away from good roads, becomes a positive menace. Field and heavy guns and many tanks and lorries will have to be left behind, while small mobile columns, served by pack transport, must be used.

The risks are considerable: no less, indeed, than victory or defeat. The next four months will be very critical.

Some "ifs"

If the Italians can force the Abyssinians to make a separate peace in which the League has no share before next April the gamble will have succeeded. If not they can hardly face the hazards of five months' rains, knowing that Sanctions will probably force them to break off the war before they are over.

These hazards include the enormous undertaking of building hatted camps for 200,000 men in the heart of Abyssinia, of making the roads fit to stand the rains, and of bearing the sickness and loss of morale in the army and at home.

On the Abyssinian side the two great fears must be the increasing drift of the provincial chiefs to the Italian side and the lack of ammunition. Either of these may force them to capitulate. April will be equally for them the critical time.

To sum up the situation in a sentence which I have used before: "Can the Italian army win the war before Sanctions 'lose it'?" Effective petrol Sanctions would, of course, be decisive.

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"Really, Poirot, you are wonderful."

"Now to work! The servants sleep at the top of the house, so we will run little risk of disturbing them."

"I presume the safe is built into the wall somewhere?"

"Safe? Fiddlesticks! There is no safe. Mr. Lavington is an intelligent man. You will see he will have devised a hiding-place much more intelligent than a safe. A safe is the first thing every one looks for."

Whereupon we began a systematic search of the entire place. But after several hours' ransacking of the house our search had been unavailing. I saw symptoms of anger gathering on Poirot's face.

"Ah, supposit, is Hercule Poirot to be beaten? Never! Let us be calm. Let us reflect. Let us reason. Let us—employ our little grey cells!"

He paused for some moments, bending his brows in concentration; then the green light I knew so well stole into his eyes.

"I have been an imbecile! The kitchen!"

"The kitchen!" I cried. "But that's impossible. The servants?"

"Exactly! Just what ninety-nine people out of a hundred would say! And for that very reason the kitchen is the ideal place to choose. It is full of various homely objects. En avant, to the kitchen!"

I followed him, completely sceptical, and watched while he dived into bread-bins, tapped saucepans, and put his head into the gas-oven. In the end, tired of watching him, I strolled back to the study. I was convinced that there, and there only, would we find the cache. I made a further minute search, noted that it was now a quarter past four and that therefore it would soon be growing

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light, and then went back to the kitchen regions.

To my utter amazement, Poirot was standing right inside the coal-bin, to the utter ruin of his neat light suit. He made a grimace.

"But yes, my friend, it is against all my instincts so to ruin my appearance, but what will you?"

"But Lavington can't have buried it under the coal!"

"If you would use your eyes you would see that it is not the coal that I examine."

I then saw that on a shelf behind the coal-bunker some logs of wood were piled. Poirot was dexterously taking them down one by one. Suddenly he uttered a low exclamation. "Your knife, Hastings!"

I handed it to him. He appeared to insert it in the wood, and suddenly the log split in two. It had been neatly sawn in half and a cavity hollowed out in the centre. From this cavity Poirot took a little wooden box of Chinese make.

"Well done!" I cried, carried out of myself.

"Gently, Hastings! Do not raise your voice too much. Come, let us be off, before the daylight is upon us."

Slipping the box into his pocket, he leaped lightly out of the coal-bunker and brushed himself down as well as he could—leaving the house by the same way as we had come, we walked rapidly in the direction of London.

"But what an extraordinary place!" I expostulated. "Anyone might have used the log."

"In July, Hastings? And it was at the bottom of the pile—a very ingenious hiding-place. Ah, here is a taxi! Now for home, a wash and a refreshing sleep."

After the excitement of the night I slept late. When I finally stirred into our sitting-room just before one o'clock I was surprised to see Poirot leaning back in an armchair, the Chinese box open beside him, calmly reading the letter he had taken from it.

He smiled at me affectionately, and tapped the sheet he held. "She was right, the Lady Millicent, never would the Duke have pardoned this letter! It contains some of the most extravagant terms of affection I have come across."

"Really, Poirot, I said, rather disgustedly, "don't think you should have read the letter. That's the sort of thing that isn't done."

"It is done by Hercule Poirot," replied my friend imperturbably.

"And another thing, I said, "don't think using Japp's official card yesterday was quite playing the game."

"But I was not playing a game, Hastings. I was conducting a lady's case."

I shrugged my shoulders. One can't argue with a point of view. "A step on the stairs," said Poirot. "That will be Lady Millicent."

Our fair client came in with an anxious expression on her face, which changed to one of delight on seeing the doctor and his wife.

"The doctor," Poirot said, "is my friend, and he has a very good opinion of you. He has been very kind to me, and he has been very kind to you."

"Yes, Oh, how kind!" said Poirot. "You are a wonderful dear!"

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table. "I shall keep this as a souvenir."

"I had hoped, milady, that you would permit me to keep it—also as a souvenir."

"I hope to send you a better souvenir than that—on my wedding day. You shall not find me ungrateful, Monsieur Poirot."

"The pleasure of doing you a service will be more to me than a cheque—so you permit that I retain the box?"

"Oh, no, Monsieur Poirot, I simply must have that," she cried laughingly.

She stretched out her hand, but Poirot was before her. His hand closed over it.

"I think not." His voice had changed.

"What do you mean?" Her voice seemed to have grown sharper.

"At any rate, permit me to abstract its further contents. You observe that the original cavity has been reduced by half. In the top half the compromising letter; in the bottom—"

He made a nimble gesture, then held out his hand. On the palm were four large, glittering stones, and two big milky-white pearls.

"The jewels stolen in Bond Street the other day, I rather fancy," murmured Poirot. "Japp will tell us."

To my utter amazement Japp himself stepped out from Poirot's bedroom.

"An old friend of yours, I believe," said Poirot politely to Lady Millicent.

"Nabbed by the Lord!" said Lady Millicent, with a comp change of manner. "You are an old devil!" She looked at Poirot with almost affectionate awe.

"Well, gentle, my dear," said Japp, "the game's up this time. Fancy seeing you so soon! We've got your partner, the gentleman who came here the day calling himself Lavington."

As for Lavington himself, Croker, alias Reel, I wonder one of the gang it was who stole the knife into the other day, eh, Holland?"

"Thought he'd got a goodie with him, didn't he?" he hadn't. He double-crossed properly—some of the most extravagant terms of affection I have come across."

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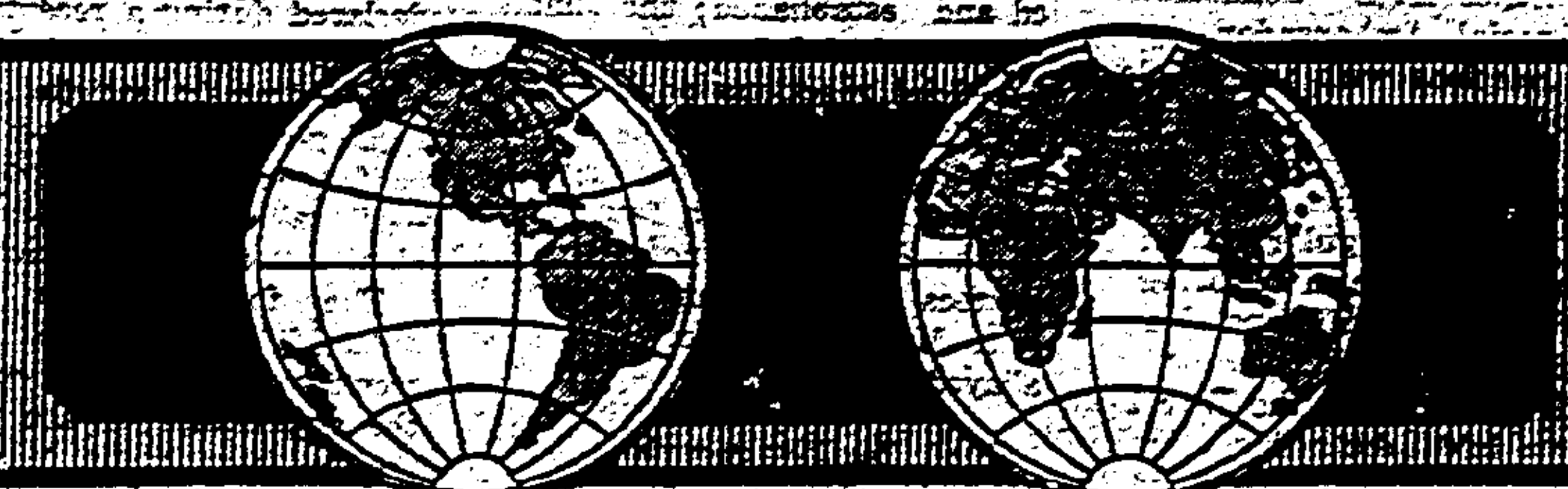
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give any sign of the ability which was, later, to bring him to the top of the legal profession. On the contrary, he has been described by a contemporary as "one of the very worst boys from the school-master's point of view."

COMMERCIAL TRAINING

The son of a successful City merchant, it was natural that he should be given a commercial training, and that he should be expected to follow the family traditions. In due course he was sent to University College School, where he exhibited signs of a keen intelligence, but the career which appeared to be his natural destiny held no appeal for him, and he deliberately abandoned the seats of learning and ran away to sea in an old windjammer, the Blair Athol. It was thus that he saw India for the first time. If, in this maritime interlude the boy lost some of the rudiments of knowledge, he gained in return an insight into life which was afterwards to serve him in good stead.

After a period spent in Brussels and Hanover, he became a member of the Stock Exchange, where he displayed an exceptional capacity for finance, on paper, but was otherwise unsuccessful, and eventually was "hammered."

TURNED TO BAR

From the Stock Exchange he turned to the Bar. It is said that he once, publicly confessed that he dreaded failure in this new venture, that he had no premonition of the position he was to obtain as a leading advocate. He was called to the Bar in 1887, when he was 27. Eleven years later he took silk, and was justified in so doing for he had proved a particularly brilliant counsel in all litigation which concerned finance, while in other cases his skill in obtaining from a witness exactly what that witness was most anxious to conceal, was an important factor in his almost unbroken success as an advocate. One of his best known triumphs was the pulverisation of Whitaker Wright, who added to its sensational aspect by committing suicide in the dock.

His Parliamentary career began in 1904—he was member for Reading from 1904 to 1913—but it was perhaps as an advocate rather than as a politician that Rufus Isaacs was best known in the years before the War. After much striving he had found his destiny. In 1910 he became Solicitor-General and, six months later, he was Attorney-General and a member of the Cabinet when Mr. Asquith was Prime Minister. He was the first Attorney-General to become a member of the Cabinet.

VISIT TO AMERICA

It was mainly in a financial capacity that he first visited the United States, as head of the Anglo-French Loan Mission. The success with which he accomplished the objects of this Mission made it easy, a little later, for the Government to select an Ambassador, and in 1917 Lord Reading went to Washington as Special Envoy. In the same year he succeeded Sir Cecil Spring-Rice as British High Commissioner and Special Ambassador.

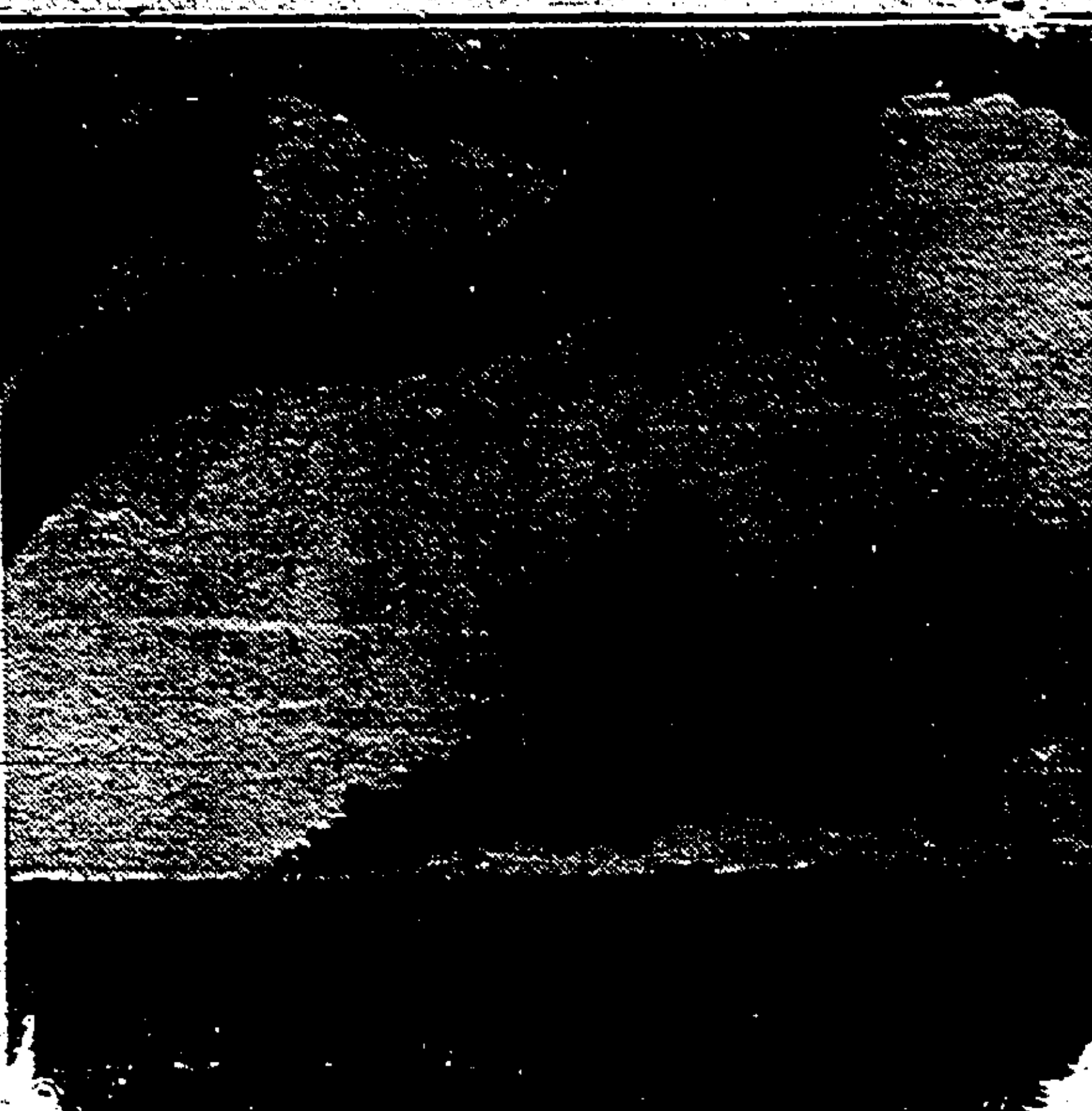
His relations with the people of the United States, from the President downwards, were marked throughout with the utmost cordiality. His singular charm of manner enabled him to bring the most delicate negotiations to a successful conclusion.

With the close of the War Lord Reading laid down his Ambassadorial duties and resumed his activities as Lord Chief Justice. But the gifts which Lord Reading had displayed for dealing with men and matters and resolving the most complicated situations to the satisfaction of all parties made too deep an impression to be readily forgotten, and the country soon had urgent need for these gifts. He was being wasted on the Bench.

VICEROYALTY

In 1921, the Viceroyalty of India became vacant upon the retirement of Lord Chelmsford, and the Little Ship's boy, whose young eyes had so eagerly scanned the horizon for a first glimpse of the magic East, was in due season upon the shores of the vast continent he was to rule in his sovereign's name.

Lord Reading's Viceroyalty lasted for more than three years, and he was to rule India with a firm and steady hand.



A striking distant photograph of Manna Loa, the Hawaiian volcano which recently became active for the first time in five years, shows it in eruption as streams of lava poured down the peak and threatened for a time to wipe out Hilo, a city of 25,000 inhabitants. A cable received on Friday stated that bombing had been attempted in order to check the stream of lava from menacing the water reservoirs.

OBVIOUS LULL AFTER ITALIAN SUCCESSES CLAIMED

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a question of organising an advance in a difficult mountainous region like that of Tigre, which has an area equal to one-seventh of the total area of Italy and is 250 miles distant from the army base at Massawa.

SENTIMENT ON HOME FRONT
In conclusion Signor Mussolini dealt with the sentiment prevailing at home, stressing that the struggle against the "economic siege" was being continued systematically along the entire front, and with the effective co-operation of industry and commerce, the public spirit to be found everywhere being such that there was no need of special legislative measures.

The big organisations as well as the technical and cooperative committees, said the Duce, were preparing, and realising to the highest possible degree the exploitation of all the resources of the national reserves, while the Italian chemical and technical sciences were providing substitutes for many foreign raw materials—Trans-Ocean Service.

mic and financial as well as political, and his great triumph was that he, mainly by the force of his own personality, "established constitutional and almost friendly relations between the parties in the Central Legislature." The menace of non-co-operation was, for the time, at an end.

His achievement may be briefly indicated by an extract from the last speech which he delivered before both Houses of the Legislature at Delhi:

"We have striven to attain the same end—the prosperity and happiness of India.... Peace reigns in our borders. Internal disturbances have been set at rest; law and order have been vindicated and established; the financial situation had been stabilised; with beneficial reactions on the nation-building activities of the reformed Constitution. Conditions have been created which give a fair prospect to the development of India's resources, and the anxieties of Indian Moslem opinion have been allayed."

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS
Lord Reading married, in 1887, Miss Alice Cohen, and he leaves one son, Viscount Erleigh, who succeeds to the Earldom of Reading.

Lord Reading played a prominent part in the discussions at all the three sessions of the Indian Round Table Conference, as a delegate of the Liberal Party in 1930 and 1932, and as the National Government's delegate in 1931. (He was Foreign Secretary in the first National Government.)

The financial exigencies to be embodied in the new Indian Constitution formed large in the deliberations of the Round Table Conference and Lord Reading, in his dual capacity of ex-Viceroy of India and an acknowledged authority on financial matters, made strenuous efforts to reconcile the conflicting claims of the City and the Indian politicians.

Addis Ababa Jubilant

FALL OF MAKALLE EXPECTED

Addis Ababa, earlier: The inhabitants of the capital are jubilant over the great successes of the Abyssinian arms, reported from the northern front. Everybody is looking forward with tense expectation to the next army communiqué, which it is hoped here will announce the fall of Makalle. Makalle, where Ras Gugsa's castle is situated, according to the latest messages from the front, is being encircled from three sides, with the army of Kassasabhat advancing from Agula in the north, while the forces of Ras Kassa and Ras Seyoum are closing in on the city from the south and west respectively.

The battles fought during Christmas are declared to have been the most sanguinary encounters during the war so far, but it is predicted that even more bitter fighting will shortly take place, the Abyssinians, owing to the fact that the Emperor will be accompanied by the national relic—which, according to legend, is the biblical Ark of the Covenant of King Solomon—attacking with extreme bravery.

Thus during the last battles the Abyssinian troops charged the Italian machine-gun nests with tremendous élan, the last few survivors who came through the terrific fire capturing the machine-guns from the Italian defenders. The Abyssinians claim that they have captured no fewer than 50 machine-guns and numerous tanks north of Makalle in this manner.

CONFIDENCE IN SOUTH
Ras Nasibu, who is commanding 75,000 men on the southern front, declared during a reception of foreign press correspondents, that he was extremely satisfied with the strategic situation, and expressed confidence that his troops would be easily able to repel General Graziani's attack on Harrar.

The foreign press correspondents, it is said here, were extremely favourably impressed by the appearance of the troops on the southern front, who were all dressed in khaki uniforms and were seemingly quite fresh, in spite of the very modest rations on which they are forced to live.

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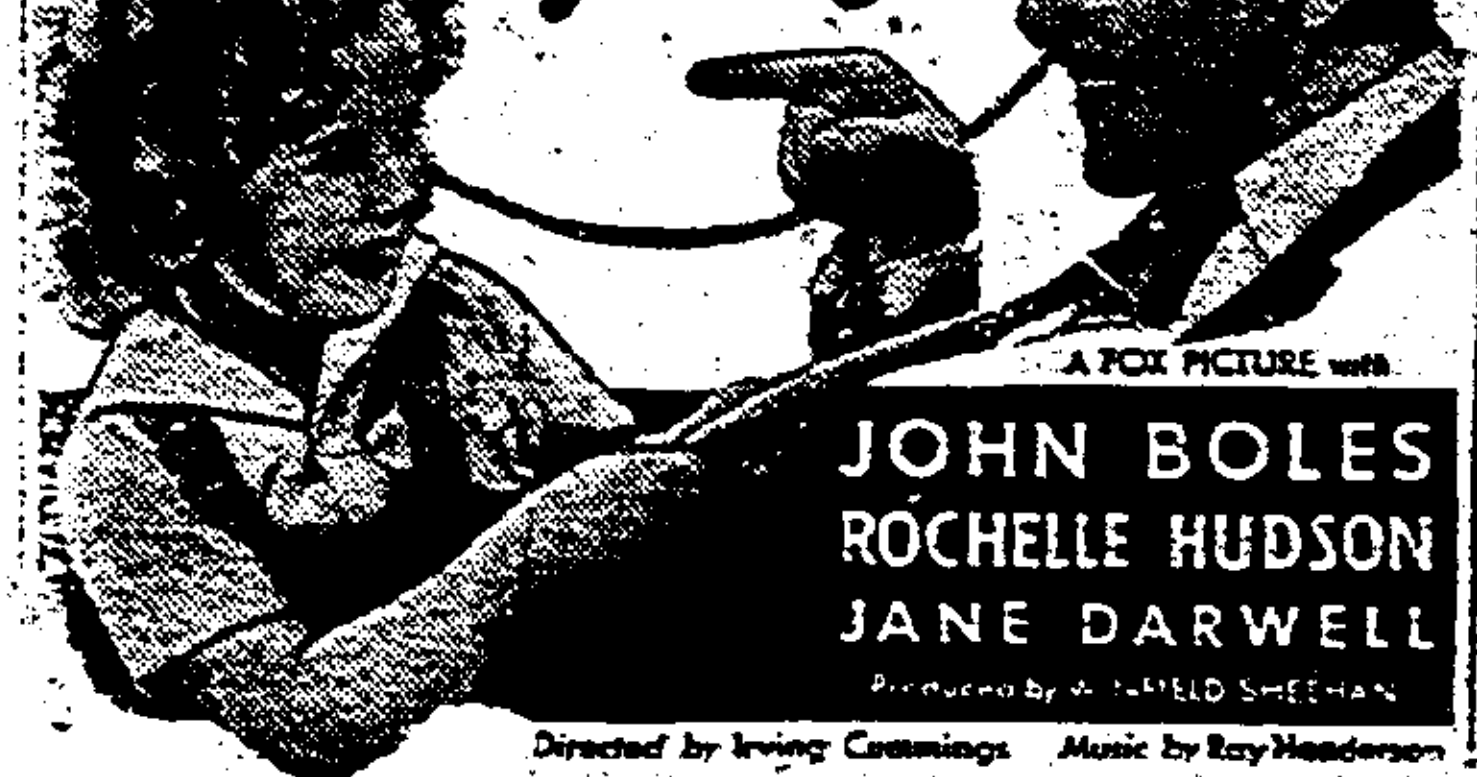
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